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'Wing and prayer' government

Major is told to sharpen performance

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WOOD

JOHN Major was warned by friend and foe yesterday that he would have to sharpen his performance if he is to escape from the crisis engulfing his leadership.

As the prime minister and his colleagues attempted to shrug off the latest attack from Norman Lamont, depressed MPs from both sides of the party agreed that Mr Major must take a firmer grip in order to avoid a critical challenge this autumn or next.

With a rise in the jobless total adding an economic blow to the political damage of the former Chancellor of the Exchequer's interventions, Mr Major said Mr Lamont's criticisms in *The Times* and *The Sun* over the European exchange-rate mechanism and his leadership were "rather sad and rather disingenuous". The idea of a leadership contest was a "silly season story" and would prove to be silly, the prime minister said.

John Carlisle, the MP for Luton North and one of the prime minister's fiercest critics, said a challenge to Mr Major was a distinct possibility. "This is a government living on a wing and a prayer. Even if the stalking horse was a one-eyed donkey it would not matter. We would not be saying we wanted the prime minister replaced; we would want to bring him up short and see what is going wrong."

Although Mr Major's close political friends weighed in angrily against Mr Lamont, with David Mellor accusing him of delivering a "gratuitous blow", the response from government and party officials was deliberately low-key. Senior Conservative sources said only that Mr Lamont seemed to be more interested in personalities than policies.

In an article to be published next week, Mr Major is expected to make plain that there is no question of Britain signing up to a single currency unless Parliament should vote in favour of the move.

With Mr Major leaving London today for a six-day trip to the Far East and Monte Carlo, neither Downing Street nor Conservative Central Office wanted to inflame an already difficult position. Mr Major's use of the word "disingenuous" was intended to suggest that Mr Lamont had given a less than frank account of their dealings over the ERM, officials said.

Only Ian Lang, the Scottish secretary, took the gloves off. "The sight and sound of ex-ministers rewriting history and seeking to attack the government of which they were recently members is a sickening one to all who value unity and the government's welfare," he said.

Senior Tories were gloomy, however, because the incident had proved again how difficult it would be for Mr Major to reassert his authority and silence the constant muttering about his leadership, particularly in the run-up to next month's conference. Party officials are known to be dismayed that Baroness Thatcher, a focus for discontent, is planning to spend longer than usual at the Blackpool gathering this year.

MPs on both sides of the party agreed that Mr Major's fate lay only in his own hands. Sir Marcus Fox, chairman of the 1922 Committee of Tory backbenchers, attacked Mr Lamont as a "loose cannon" on the backbenchers. He said it would be wrong to hold a leadership contest, but he said of Mr Major: "He is going to improve on his performance, I have no doubt at all."

From the Euro-sceptic right of the party, John Wilkinson, MP for Ruislip Northwood, said: "The Conservative government can and ought to do much better, and a lot of backbenchers feel that. We don't believe that since April last year we have done our people proud."

During a visit to Cardiff, Sir Norman Fowler, the Tory party chairman, said: "The issue which has been raised with me is that loyalty to John Major, support of John Major as prime minister — there is no question whatsoever about that. We want John Major to succeed."

One of the leading right-wing leadership contenders, Michael Portillo, found himself in trouble with church leaders yesterday over his robust defence of the morality of Thatcherite policies. A spokesman for the Bishop of Southwark, the Right Rev Roy Williamson, said the Church believed the state had a part to play in aiding those demoralised by poverty and long-term unemployment. "Mr Portillo speaks of the 'moral hazards' of excessive state intervention. There are greater dangers in the dismantling of the welfare state for short-term political ends."

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Jobless total up again to 2.9m

Unemployment rose again in August, for the second month running. Michael Forsyth, employment minister, described the 5,800 increase as small, and said that "those who doubted the strength of the recovery have been proved wrong".

After five monthly falls, seasonally-adjusted unemployment was 2,922,100 — 10.4 per cent of the workforce. Women are taking the brunt, with male unemployment falling for the second month.

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ADRIAN BROOKS

John Major at the RNIB with Nicholas Killen, 6, who was blinded by cancer

Bosnia's demise closer after deal

FROM TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE

PRESIDENT Alija Izetbegovic yesterday took another step towards the dissolution of Bosnia-Herzegovina in a new deal negotiated behind closed doors in Switzerland.

After secret overnight talks in Geneva Mr Izetbegovic affixed his signature to a document that could lead to the end of the internationally recognised state of Bosnia-Herzegovina within two years as events move inexorably toward the creation of greater Serbia and greater Croatia.

The document was signed on behalf of the United Nations and European Community by the co-chairmen of the Geneva partition talks, Thorvald Stoltenberg and Lord Owen respectively. Momcilo Krajisnik, the powerful speaker of the Bosnian Serb parliament, signed on behalf of Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader.

The concession from the predominantly Muslim Bosnian government came just as Western countries had been urging the Serbs and Croats to make more territorial concessions to the Muslims. The co-chairmen had urged Mr Izetbegovic to sign, arguing that the alternative was ghastly winter war with thousands dying of cold and hunger.

Under the already proposed partition plan Bosnia is to be divided into a union of three ethnic states. However, the "joint declaration" signed yesterday for the first time explicitly acknowledges the right of these republics to secede and so effectively sanctions the creation of greater Serbia and greater Croatia. The previous draft proposal stipulated that the republics could secede only with the approval of the others, thus giving the Muslims an effective veto. This key provision now appears to have been dropped.

The document states that

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Admirals' charter sinks the Wrens

BY MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Women's Royal Naval Service, which survived two world wars, is to be scrapped and the 4,500 Wrens integrated into the Royal Navy.

With women taking on men's jobs, ministers and the navy's all-male admirals have decided there is no longer any need for a separate organisation. Approval has yet to be given by the Queen, but the change could happen next month. Last night Commandant Anne Spencer, WRNS director who is retiring next month, was given a farewell

dinner at HMS Collingwood in Gosport, Hampshire.

The Wrens are following the example set by the Women's Royal Army Corps, which was abolished last year. Former Wracs now serve in different regiments.

Wrens serve on about 20 Royal Navy ships, after the decision in 1990 to send them to sea. Ten per cent of crews on some warships are women.

The move brought a mixed reaction from within the WRNS, which was formed in 1917. One officer said: "The feelings are very mixed, particularly when we have had such a distinguished history, but we will never lose our links with the past."

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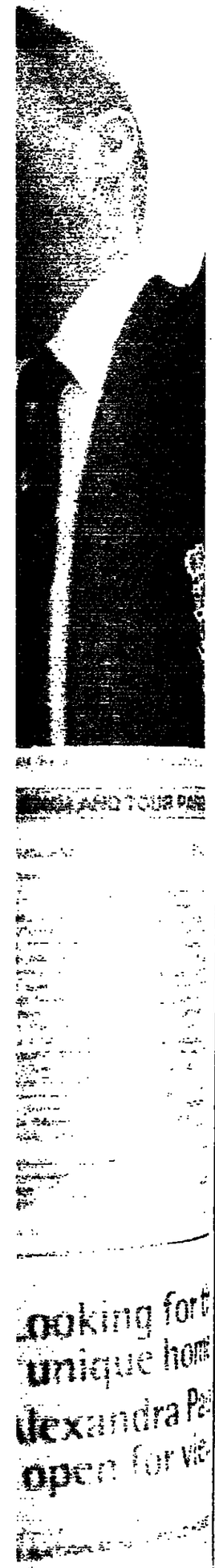

● *The Times* has increased its daily sale by more than 100,000 since the cover price was cut to 30p. There was an average daily sale of 461,112 during the first week after the cut, an increase of 106,832 over the audited average daily sale during August.

On to victory

untold stories of D-Day, compiled by award-winning writer Russell Miller from interviews with hundreds of veterans of both sides, as well as their diaries and letters home.

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● On Tuesday, *The Times* celebrates 25 years of the Booker Prize with a 12-page supplement.

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Brooke warns BBC on charter renewal

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

PETER Brooke, the heritage secretary, warned the BBC last night that it still had a long way to go in the battle to get its royal charter renewed and must drop its "auntie knows best" attitude.

In a speech to leading industry figures at the Royal Television Society convention in Cambridge he also said he was considering the creation of a new watchdog for the BBC which would be independent of Parliament and the corporation and would be responsible for ensuring that the BBC took full account of public views on programme matters.

Mr Brooke praised the corporation for having made significant efficiency gains but said that further upheaval would be needed. "The whole process is likely to last well into 1995 or even 1996."

A decision on the level of the television licence fee would probably be taken in November. Many in the BBC fear that because cost cuts have been so successful the level of the licence might be lowered.

Mr Brooke also fired a warning shot at satellite and cable channels in Britain, such as BSkyB, indicating that to conform to an EC directive they should provide more original European and British programming.

☐ **Radio campaign:** In a letter to *The Times* today, Alan Ayckbourn, David Bailey, Emma Thompson, Spike Milligan and Dame Judi Dench have joined the director of the Tate Gallery and the administrators of the Royal Opera House, Faber and Faber, and the Royal Academy of Arts to campaign against the BBC's proposed removal of Radio 4 from the long-wave frequency. The BBC said that Radio 4's future wavelength was still undecided.

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Fast draw surprises Kasparov

BY IAN MURRAY

A RELAXED Nigel Short forced a worried Garry Kasparov to play for a draw in the fifth game of *The Times* World Chess Championship yesterday. Despite playing black, the British challenger moved with confident assurance, pinning the world champion's king early and forcing him on to the defence.

In marked contrast to the first four games, Short was never in time trouble. He said he had prepared every move, so he did not have to pause to work them out. The game lasted only 18 moves and Short needed just 11 minutes. Kasparov, always struggling to work out his replies, used

89 minutes of his allotted two hours before forcing Short to a draw.

"My main idea was to avoid losing." Short said of his characteristically aggressive performance. "This was not a dull draw, it was an aggressive draw, a controlled explosion." Kasparov, who spent most of the game alone on stage, said: "I have now played five games, while Nigel has only played four."

Short trails 4-1 in the 24-game match.

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More offenders to be sent to jail

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

UNDER tough new sentencing guidelines for magistrates being published today, many more offenders will face immediate imprisonment.

Magistrates are for the first time to be told that custody is the presumed penalty for certain offences, among them assault on the police, house burglary and violent disorder. The guidelines were drawn up after the much-criticised system of means-related fines was scrapped earlier this year.

The guidelines cover 32 of the most common criminal offences for which "entry points" are suggested into what the appropriate sentence might be. Magistrates will still be able to adjust fines according to an offender's means, but they will be given suggested levels of fine for offences of average gravity by offenders of average means; £180 is suggested for careless driving, £270 for criminal damage.

As well as specifying custody as the entry point for some serious offences, community service is laid down as the entry point for such offences as handling stolen goods, dangerous driving and common assault. Magistrates were previously given recommended "starting points" for sentence, usually a fine.

Prison reformers are already giving warning of a rapid rise in the prison population and a return to severe prison overcrowding as a result of the new regime. Frances Crook, director of the Howard League, said she had "anxieties" about the effects of the guidelines. "I am concerned that they have been produced swiftly under pressure, and also that there has been pressure to make them tough," she said.

Sending more people to prison would only increase crime rates, she added. "More people are likely to commit crime, and more serious crime, because of the prison experience; and also more likely to commit offences inside prison. So it is a very dangerous policy for all of us in the community."

The guidelines have been

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Death of a teenager

JONATHAN Roberts was a teenager with glittering prospects. At 17, he had passed 10 GCSEs, was studying for A levels and still made time to indulge a passion for sport. He loved mountain bikes and to finance that hobby took a part-time job in a supermarket. He also had a strong sense of responsibility and an unusual measure of courage.

At 6pm on Wednesday his job and his qualities conspired to have him murdered. He pursued a suspected shoplifter to a car park 200 yards from the supermarket in Plymstock, Plymouth; and was beaten and kicked for 10 minutes.

Det Chief Supt Malcolm Corp said yesterday: "It is a sad state of affairs that this type of thing happens in this country. He was an innocent boy doing part-time work."

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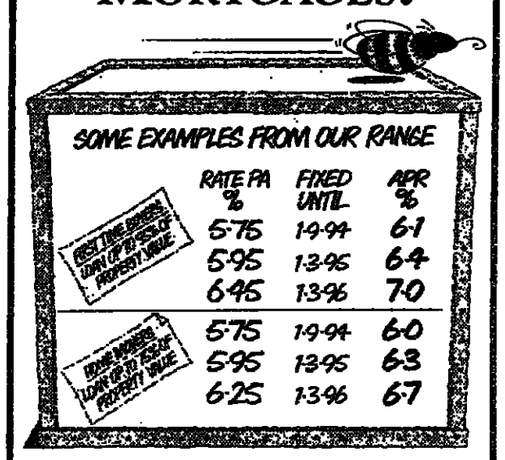

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Hume tells Major of Sinn Fein talks

John Major last night discussed the prospects of the IRA calling a ceasefire, in a private meeting with John Hume, leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party (Sheila Gunn writes).

Although neither man would disclose details of their 75-minute meeting, Whitehall sources confirmed that Mr Hume had reported on the meetings he held with Gerry Adams, of Sinn Fein, during the summer. Mr Major and Mr Hume agreed on the urgent need to revive the talks on the political future of Northern Ireland.

The prime minister will today urge Ian Paisley, the Democratic Unionist leader, to drop his objections to fresh talks following signs that Dublin could be prepared to remove its territorial claim to Ulster from its constitution as part of an overall settlement.

Laura Davies operation

Laura Davies, 5, from Eccles, Greater Manchester, last night underwent a 15-hour transplant operation in the US. Surgeons in Pittsburgh replaced her stomach, large and small intestine, liver, pancreas and kidneys after Laura began to reject organs she received in June last year. She was in critical condition in intensive care.

£125m cocaine case

Six men appeared at Southwark Crown Court, south London, yesterday charged with smuggling cocaine. They were arrested, the court was told, soon after unloading a shipment of the drug worth £125 million at Durham Wharf in London. The six deny importing cocaine between November 1991 and November 1992. The trial continues.

Solicitor loses claim

Sandra O'Connor, 28, a solicitor who claims she was sacked from her £16,500-a-year job after her Liverpool firm found out she was pregnant, has lost her claim of sexual discrimination. Gary Davis, a partner with Edwards, Abrams, Doherty, said that Ms O'Connor was made redundant because it was cheaper to commission solicitors from agencies.

Actor terminally ill

The actor Simon Cadell, right, is suffering from an inoperable condition and has only months to live, the Harley Street Clinic, London, said. Mr Cadell, 43, who played the holiday camp manager in the BBC1 comedy *Hi-De-Hi!*, left the hospital last night. A spokesman said: "We're doing all we can to protect him from the world while he spends what time he has left with his wife and children."

New Independent chief

Newspaper Publishing, owner of *The Independent* and *The Independent on Sunday*, yesterday appointed Patrick Morrissey, 52, as chief executive. He succeeds Andreas Whittam Smith, who stepped down in July to concentrate on editing *The Independent*. Mr Morrissey was managing director of Mirror Group Newspapers from 1985-90.

Speculation grows about stalking horse to flush out Major

Lamont and Baker mooted as leadership challengers

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WOOD

KENNETH Baker and Norman Lamont were the weightiest names being floated by Tory rightwingers yesterday as the preferred candidates for a challenge to John Major's leadership in November.

But even as they raised the possibility, most senior MPs dismissed it. Both men are regarded as having ambitions to return to the high office from which Mr Major removed them.

Neither could be expected to win a contest against the prime minister; and if the object of the challenge was to display a lack of confidence in Mr Major that would result in him standing down, neither could be certain of gaining anything from the change of leadership.

"No one is going to thank the assassin," one senior Conservative said. "Norman and Ken could both come back under a new leader, but not if they had plunged in the final dagger. We Conservatives have guilty consciences about such things."

Mr Lamont's latest interventions, certain to be followed by others up to and during the party conference, have intensified speculation that someone will follow the example of Sir Anthony Meyer in 1989 and try to win the support of 34 MPs to stand against Mr Major.

Speeches this week from Kenneth Clarke and Michael Portillo that seemed deliberately framed to appeal to the right have also added to the impression that something in the jungle may be stirring.

Tory loyalists and rightwing opponents of Mr Major agreed yesterday that if a credible candidate were to come forward the required number of MPs would be prepared to write in confidence to the chairman of the 1922 committee, Sir Marcus Fox, asking for a contest.

Teresa Gorman, the MP for Billericay, would not, it appeared yesterday, pass that test. Her name has consistently been kicked around as someone who would have the gall to put her name forward. But she announced from Portugal yesterday that she did not think the Conservatives were ready for another woman leader.

Other names have been mentioned in recent weeks and months, almost certainly without their consent. Christopher Gill, MP for Ludlow and one of the leaders of the anti-Maastricht campaign, was once thought to feel so strongly against Mr Major that he would have been prepared to stand. But Mr Gill said yesterday he had no intention of doing so. Sir Peter Tapsell, the independent-minded MP for Lindsey East, has also been mentioned.

Euro-sceptics face a dilemma about forcing a contest this year. If Mr Major were destabilised the almost certain beneficiary would be Mr Clarke. As one MP said yesterday: "He is already giving the impression that he is running the government. He would be a shoo-in."

A senior Conservative summed up their predicament. "If we don't have Major there is Ken Clarke and nobody else. Not enough will vote for Michael Portillo. I am not sure he is ready and I am not sure he even wants it, or that the party is prepared to vote in another young man to that office."

But yesterday's renewed turmoil over the leadership question left even Mr Major's most loyal supporters depressed. "John has had a bad year. He needs to take a grip and make a steady improvement through next year. If he does not that is the end of him. Every time this sort of thing happens, and it seems to happen with increasing frequency, it sets him back yet again. It's bad, bad, bad. We cannot let him go floundering on."

John Carlisle, rightwing MP for Luton North, described a challenge this year as distinct possibility. "The idea would be not to oust the prime minister but to get the point home to him that we are not happy with the direction — indeed lack of direction — of his leadership of the party. Even if the stalking horse was a one-eyed donkey it would not really matter."

☐ Lord Hesketh resigned yesterday as the government's chief whip in the Lords, citing his heavy commitments. Lord Ullswater, a junior employment minister, replaces him.

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ADAM BUTLER

Norman Lamont arrives at his Notting Hill home with the day's newspapers

MP calls for night curfew on children

BY OUR CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

CHILDREN up to the age of 16 should be kept off the streets at night by a curfew imposed to reduce crime, a senior Conservative MP has told the home secretary.

Any unaccompanied child outdoors after 10.30pm would be detained overnight by the police under a plan put to Michael Howard by Robert Dunn, MP for Dartford. Parents would have to collect their child the next morning and pay the cost of the detention or face compulsory community service.

"These are children up to no good or at the prey of those up to no good," Mr Dunn, a former schools minister, said. "Given that a large proportion of crime against property and the person is committed by young people, I feel this action is urgent.

"The age of criminal responsibility must be reduced at once from 10 to 6. Some of these kids are inherently evil and come from families that are inherently evil, almost in the way of the hereditary villain."

Mr Dunn, who has two sons aged 11 and 9, said that they were not allowed to roam the streets at night. "They do not go out at night unless we are with them. They do their homework, spend some time with us and go to bed early."

The MP denied that his curfew plan was an unwarranted assault on civil liberties. "What civil liberties are there for elderly people torched in their homes or who fall prey to these little monsters? An 86-year-old lady living in a rural part of my constituency was mugged by youths the other day. We must get the penal system out of the hands of do-gooders. We must get back to fear, punishment and retribution."

In a letter to Mr Howard, Mr Dunn also called for the introduction of national identity cards for everyone to "weed out" the criminal element and deter terrorists. He demanded an end to practices such as giving prisoners keys to their cells and attacked the Prison Governors' Association for wanting to reduce overcrowding by means of an amnesty.

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Edmonds softens stance on block votes

BY JILL SHERMAN POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Smith's most bitter opponent of his trade union reforms indicated yesterday that a compromise could be reached to avoid a politically damaging confrontation between the unions and the Labour party.

John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB union, who has strongly urged Mr Smith to abandon his plans for one member one vote for the selection of parliamentary candidates, offers the Labour leader an olive branch in today's *Tribune* newspaper. He admits that the GMB had been meeting with other unions "to discuss how we can meet our objective of keeping some say for trade union members in important party decisions" but adds the unions want to avoid embarrassing the party leader "if at all possible".

Although he does not spell out a compromise, it is understood that Mr Edmonds favours a register of Labour supporters where votes would be cast by secret ballot. Such a *compromise would be unacceptable* to leading party modernisers such as Tony Blair and Gordon Brown, but could gain strong support at the party conference.

Mr Edmonds attempts to *emphasise the difference* between Mr Smith's new approach, as set out in his TUC speech last week, and that of the modernisers. Public opinion had now swung in favour of the unions and Mr Smith had *recognised that in his* "superb" speech to the TUC by focusing on workers' rights, writes Mr Edmonds.

Yet efforts to modernise trade unionism would not succeed unless Labour gave its public and private support to the unions. "The decision to exclude trade unionists from any say in candidate selection is not just wrong in itself but symbolic of an attitude which asks so much from the unions and gives so little in return. Mr Smith's speech last week marked the beginning of the end of that unhelpful phase," he added.

More offenders face prison

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drawn up by a committee of stipendiary and lay magistrates and justices' clerks. They have the approval of the Magistrates' Association and Justices' Clerks' Society.

Bryan Gibson, clerk to the Basingstoke justices and one of the authors of the guidelines, said yesterday: "In a nutshell, this is a toughening, there is no doubt about it. It has not come about at the behest of any one person; it is more a feeling that this is the right response to what is happening in the criminal justice system at the moment."

Magistrates were dealing with more serious cases, he said, because minor offences were being diverted from the courts and being dealt with by measures such as cautioning. He said he expected the guidelines to be well received "across the judicial spectrum", adding: "I believe they reflect a commonly held view of what sentences should be." He pointed out, however, that if the guidelines led to much heavier sentencing, there were cost implications.

Under the old system, magistrates were given various levels of fine as starting points, Mr Gibson said. They then used their discretion about whether to move on to a custodial penalty and that discretion "was not always used to the full".

☐ The Government's watchdog on law reform yesterday called for the scrapping of the "hearsay" rule in civil cases which bars a person from giving evidence about what he has heard from someone else. In a report drawn up after consultation with the legal profession, the Law Commission says the hearsay rule in civil proceedings is confusing and out-of-date.

"If rules of evidence are difficult for laymen to understand or accept, public confidence in the judicial system may ultimately be diminished," it says. Widespread support for abolishing the rule in civil cases has come from the judges, the commission adds. Judges are concerned that "intelligent and rational witnesses and litigants" are confused and dissatisfied by rules that stop them giving evidence "they rightly perceive as relevant and cogent".

Lawyers who practise in the magistrates' and county courts say the rule is almost impossible to apply and has largely fallen into disuse, the commission adds. "We were told that in these courts the pressure of business and the numbers of unrepresented defendants had made the rule unworkable."

Crook: fears of rise in prison population

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Panorama accuses Venables

BY JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

TERRY Venables was yesterday alleged to have unlawfully obtained a £1 million loan and to have abused his position as chief executive of Tottenham *Hotspur, from which he was* sacked in May.

A BBC-1 *Panorama* special also claimed to have exposed the dealings behind the sale of Paul Gascoigne, the England midfield player, from Tottenham *Hotspur to Lazio in Italy.*

The screening caused *Question Time* to be postponed by 30 minutes as the BBC made the allegations against Venables, who in June lost his High Court case to remain chief executive of the Premier League club.

Earlier this month, Venables seemed to have given up his battle with Alan Sugar, the multi-millionaire chairman, for the control of Tottenham Hotspur, when he resigned as director and sold his 23 per cent holding in the club for more than £3 million.

Venables has said that in 1991 he was able to increase the price for Gascoigne from £5.5 million to £6.3 million with the help of Gino Santini, a London restaurateur, who "eventually wanted some pay".

Venables arranged for Tottenham to pay Signor Santini but *Panorama* claims that a fee of £200,000 was not paid directly to the Italian but to a *Swiss company, Anglo-European* Market Research and Consulting.

Giancarlo Guerra, Lazio's finance director, tells the programme that his club's £5.5 million deal with Tottenham was reached at least six months before Signor Santini was involved and that the figure had never been increased.

Venables has said that he has never taken any backhanders in his life and has described the claims as preposterous.

The programme also alleges that he used one of his former companies, Transatlantic Inns, to raise money without the knowledge of his fellow directors.

Venables was not available to comment on these other allegations yesterday.

I read the news today oh boy
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A glittering future, brutally extinguished

'Maybe I would have preferred him to have been a coward and still be alive'

By Bill Frost

MORE in puzzled sorrow than in anger, the parents of a teenager with a bright academic future and a passion for sport yesterday spoke of their grief at his brutal and senseless killing.

Jonathan Roberts was the ideal son. He had passed ten GCSEs and was studying for his A levels in the hope of winning a university place next year to study civil engineering.

To finance his enthusiasm for mountain bikes, the 17-year-old took a part-time job at a Gateway supermarket. Jonathan worked four evenings a week and on Sundays, and was fit and active. He played six-a-side soccer and ran for Plymouth Athletics for a number of years, but eventually gave it up because of his job.

On Wednesday night Jonathan died after being beaten and kicked for ten minutes as he confronted a suspected shoplifter outside a supermarket. The young man's parents yesterday spoke of their pride at his courage and their grief over his death.

Jonathan's father Chris said: "Everyone is shocked. Of course we are proud that Jonathan stood up for what he considered to be right." Anne Roberts, the teenager's mother, spoke of Jonathan's bravery, but went on to add: "On the other hand, maybe I would have preferred him to have been a coward and still be alive." The couple described their son as "a sport-loving, outgoing boy". Mr Roberts said: "Jonathan was a very cheerful happy, noisy, outgoing teenager. He was a typical 17-year-old boy. He had just started his second year of A levels at Lipson College. He wanted to be a civil engineer and to train at the University of Plymouth." Mr Roberts said. The college principal, Barbara Geddes, said that everyone there was "absolutely devastated" by the news. "Jon had been with us for many years and was a much liked and valued student of the college." Miss Geddes described Jonathan as a "thoroughly nice young man, quiet and hard working" who was very popular with fellow students, and would be greatly missed.

Jonathan Roberts: an outgoing teenager

"He was a serious youngster who contributed properly to society — then something like this happens. He was blessed with a good community spirit," said Miss Geddes.

Detective Chief Superintendent Malcolm Corp, the officer who is leading the enquiry into the teenager's death, yesterday described Jonathan as a "very bright lad who was trying to have a go to stop a person who he believed to be involved in crime. It is a sad state of affairs that this type of thing happens in this country."

Jonathan was attacked just after 6pm on Wednesday at the Somerfield supermarket at the Broadway shopping centre in Plymstock, which is almost opposite the local police station. Mr Corp said that a man suspected of shoplifting had left the supermarket and was believed to be in possession of stolen items. He was seen by staff and ran out of the shop when a number of them tried to detain him. Jonathan and another young employee pursued the suspect to a car park about 200 yards from the supermarket. Mr Corp said that Jonathan confronted the man and was then attacked, being punched and kicked for ten minutes. Jonathan's actions were "a real credit to him", Mr Corp added. About a dozen floral tributes were yesterday left at the edge of the car park where the teenager was beaten and punched. A card attached to one of them read: "Always remember you, Jon". One shopper left flowers with a card reading: "So very sorry to hear this terrible news. A waste of a young life."

Christopher Forster, divisional executive of Gateway, the company which runs the Somerfield store, described the teenager's death as tragic.

Mr Forster said: "It has left us all very deeply shocked. Jon was approaching his 18th birthday and was a very personable chap and much liked amongst all his colleagues. He will be greatly missed."

Rosemary Bell, who manages a greengrocery shop in the area, said yesterday: "I tell my staff not to chase thieves. For the amount of money you lose it is not worthpaying with a life.

"You never know if they are carrying a knife or anything," Ms Bell said.

Gary Streeter, the Conservative MP for Plymouth Sutton, said that Jonathan's death was "a reflection of the growing level of lawlessness in which we live".

Mr Streeter added: "I would hope it will not deter others from acting appropriately in the future."

A 24-year-old man was last night being questioned by detectives in connection with the incident.

☐ Local authorities should be compelled by law to set up crime prevention task forces, the Liberal Democrats urged yesterday. In a new crime campaign manifesto, the party says that money retrieved from convicted criminals could be used to pay for them.

Jonathan gave up athletics for his work

TODAY IN SECTION TWO

Take your seat for the great art show

● A "bursting cargo-hold" of great American 20th-century art has landed in London. From Pollock to Warhol, from Rothko to Hopper, the Royal Academy's show is one of the year's great blockbusters. Read Richard Cork on page 35

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● And . . . 12 pages of sport and business

Windsurfer wins legal aid over hepatitis

By Frances Gibb
Legal Correspondent

A WINDSURFER has been granted legal aid to investigate mounting a claim for compensation against a water company after allegedly contracting hepatitis from polluted seawater.

In a test case, the first potential personal injuries claim over alleged effects of sewage, James Andrews, 26, a former Lloyd's insurance broker, plans to sue Southern Water. If successful, the case could prompt dozens of similar claims for compensation by water sports enthusiasts who have suffered illness after going in the sea.

Mr Andrews believes he contracted hepatitis A after windsurfing off Eastbourne, East Sussex, in June 1991.

Alistair Smith, divisional director of Southern Water, said: "We are somewhat surprised because we had believed there was no causal link between bathing in sea water and hepatitis A."

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Britons in Florida told to be vigilant

By Marianne Curphey and David Adams

NEW safety advice for British tourists holidaying in Florida was issued by the Foreign Office yesterday as police interviewed two youths aged 13 and 15 who may be linked to the murder of Gary Colley.

The FO said it had reviewed its information following the shooting of Mr Colley, 34, and Margaret Jagger, 35, of Wilsden, West Yorkshire, as they slept in their hire car in a lay-by in Monticello, Jefferson County, on Tuesday. Miss Jagger survived the attack.

Tourists have been advised to use proper accommodation and not to sleep in cars, particularly in rest areas on highways or in isolated spots. The FO also issued a freephone helpline number set up by Florida authorities — 1-800-342-7768 — to give guidance on route-planning and safe rest areas.

Police in Jefferson County last night said two teenagers were being held on car theft charges, but refused to confirm the youths were being linked with Mr Colley's murder. There were claims of racism yesterday as investigators questioned dozens of black youths in the area.

A FO spokesman said: "Holidaymakers should avoid camp-sites with inadequate security arrangements. Be vigilant at all times. Be on the look-out for suspicious persons when returning to your car or hotel entrances, especially at night. Seek help as soon as you feel threatened."

Tourists should never drive from the airport at night, but collect their car in town the next day and not stop if their vehicle is bumped from behind.

The spokesman said: "Visitors should be aware that there have been nine murders of tourists in Florida over the past year, and take the recommended precautions."

In a separate incident, five British tourists suffered minor injuries at St Petersburg Beach, Florida, when a walkway to a catamaran collapsed.

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How Churchill's silent hens learnt to spread their wings

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

WHEN Wrens were introduced into the Royal Navy towards the end of the first world war, a chief petty officer is supposed to have said: "Of all the 'orrible things this 'orrible war 'as done, these 'orrible wimmen are the 'orriblest."

Not everyone was so uncomplimentary. In the second world war, Winston Churchill referred to Wrens who served at the code-breaking centre at Bletchley Park, Buckinghamshire, as "hens that laid eggs without cackling".

Since the formation of the Women's Royal Naval Service in 1917, the involvement of women has grown to the point where they match men job for job in almost every aspect of the navy. Their integration became inevitable when it was decided in 1990 to let them serve at sea.

The WRNS began as a volunteer force to replace men required for active service during the first world war and reached a strength of 7,000 before being disbanded in 1919. In 1939 George VI allowed it to be reformed. During the war, the WRNS grew in numbers and in the range of work it performed.

Wrens employed as cypher officers and coder ratings served at sea in the troop-carrying ships. Twenty-two cypher officers and telegraphists died when the merchant vessel SS *Aguila*, carrying them to Gibraltar, was torpedoed. Other members of the WRNS also lost their lives at sea. Churchill always used Wrens as writers when he held summits with President Roosevelt and Joseph Stalin.

By the end of the war, there were 74,600 Wrens. Although numbers declined, in 1949, the WRNS was established as an integral part of the navy. Today it has shrunk to 4,000 ratings and 500 officers.

When Wrens were allowed to serve in warships, there was an outcry from some wives of sailors who feared that the proximity of men and women at sea would lead to troubled marriages. However, despite a handful of cases where the navy's "no touching" rule has been broken, leading to court martial cases, the integration of women with male colleagues at sea has been hailed as a success.

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A recruiting poster for the original voluntary WRNS

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£4m soccer star put on probation and told to grow up

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

DUNCAN Ferguson, Britain's most expensive football player, narrowly escaped a jail sentence yesterday when he was put on probation for a year for assaulting a man.

Ferguson, 21, who transferred to Glasgow Rangers from Dundee United for £4 million this summer, was ordered by the judge to take professional advice about his alcohol intake.

It is not the player's first brush with the law. Two previous assault charges led fellow players to call him "Duncan Disorderly".

Ferguson was found guilty two weeks ago of assaulting Graham Boyter, a fisherman, in the Royal Hotel, Anstruther, Fife. The player knocked Mr Boyter off his bar stool, giving him a black eye.

The court also heard of his previous convictions. In March this year Ferguson, over 6ft tall, was fined £200 by Stirling Sheriff Court for punching and kicking a man on crutches. A year earlier he was fined at the same court for headbutting a policeman. In April, after his appearance for Scotland in a game against Germany, he broke his toes in a pub brawl, keeping him off the pitch for the rest of the season. He has also been involved in public and embarrassing rows with Jim McLean, his old boss at Dundee United.

His unruliness at club level has proved expensive. He received just £12 in wages over Christmas after "deductions" and at one point was dropped from the first team and ordered to dig ditches.

His ambition to play football professionally meant that he concentrated on little else at school. At one point his frustrated teachers threatened to stop him being selected for the Scotland under-16 squad. But as he said himself: "All I have got is football. I have never been good at anything else." His lack of inhibitions in the company of more experienced players led Ally McCoist to dub him, ironically, "His Royal Shyness".

Sentencing Ferguson yesterday at Cupar Sheriff Court in Fife, Sheriff Charles Smith told the player he had considered a jail sentence. "Whether you like it or not, you are a role model but your behaviour was not that of someone to be hero-worshipped. You are duty bound to behave in such a way that reflects well on your club and on your country and sets a good example to young people who may wish to follow in your footsteps".

The sheriff said community service for the footballer would be impractical and fining him might give the impression that he could buy his way out of trouble. Ferguson was told he must also undergo counselling, which would help him "grow up".

The court was provided with a reference by Donald Findlay QC, Ranger's vice-chairman, describing the player as being "an ambassador for his team and his country". But Sheriff Smith said: "That is a responsibility for you or anyone else in this position. You are well paid for this, and it is your duty to carry that out in a fitting manner."

FRANK BRADFORD

Ferguson, Glasgow Rangers' star player, leaving Cupar Sheriff Court yesterday

Queen has a quiet word with Keating

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE Queen will remind Paul Keating, the Australian prime minister, when she meets him at Balmoral tomorrow that republicanism is a matter for the country's people to decide.

Australia's head of state will be told of increasingly vociferous demands for the country to sever the last political links with the monarchy. She will tell Mr Keating that these are political decisions in which she cannot participate, and that she will abide by the advice of her elected ministers in Canberra.

The Queen's constitutional position in Australia is exactly the same as it is in Britain. However, her representative, the governor-general, can interfere in the political process, and in one notorious instance did so: in 1974 Sir John Kerr dismissed Gough Whitlam, the Labor prime minister, and caused a constitutional furore whose echoes are still influencing the debate on republicanism.

An Australian commission on the future of the constitution is expected to report next week on whether a referendum should be held on the future of the country's head of state.

Mr Keating, on a tour of Europe to promote Sydney's bid for the 2000 Olympic Games in competition with Manchester and Peking, arrived at Heathrow last night. After talks with John Major, the Labour leader John Smith and other politicians, he will fly to Balmoral tomorrow afternoon and meet other house guests at the Queen's summer holiday retreat.

The Australian prime minister will have an hour of private discussion with the Queen, at which not even private secretaries will be present and of which no record is likely to be issued. Later Mr Keating and his wife will join the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh, the Prince of Wales and other members of the royal house party for an informal dinner. Next morning the Keatings will fly to Dublin.

Palace officials are annoyed that the Balmoral meeting has been wrongly built up into some kind of "summit" at which Mr Keating will hand the Queen formal notice-to-quit her Australian realm. They say that it is normal protocol for a visiting Commonwealth prime minister, especially one from a country where the Queen is head of state, to pay a courtesy call.

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Pregnancy among teenagers drops

BY RICHARD DUCE

A MARKED decline in the numbers of pregnancies among young teenagers, the first fall in the past decade, is revealed in government figures published yesterday. The drop is encouraging for ministers, who hope to see pregnancies among girls under 16 halved by 2000.

The statistics published by the Office of Population, Censuses and Surveys show a fall in the conception rate from 10.1 per 1,000 girls in 1990 to 9.3 in 1991. Conception rates among under-15s dropped from 21.6 per 1,000 in 1990 to 19.9 in 1991.

The Population Trends autumn report also shows the total number of conceptions among under-16s fell from 8,561 in 1981 to 7,829 in 1991. Over the same period the proportion ending in abortion also dropped from 56.9 per cent to 51 per cent.

Margaret Jones, general secretary of the family planning organisation Brook Advisory Centres, said: "We are cautiously optimistic that Britain is on the right track towards preventing unwanted teenage pregnancy and meeting the Health of the Nation target."

The OPCS figures also chart a trend towards more independent living in the ten years to 1991, as the size of the average household declines. Over a quarter of all households in Britain consist of one person living alone. In the London Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, the figure rises to 48 per cent.

Christchurch, Dorset, emerges as the district with the highest number of pensioners, almost double the national average, at 35 per cent. Tamworth, in Staffordshire, has the lowest proportion, with 12 per cent.

☐ The method of natural contraception favoured by the Vatican is as effective as the contraceptive pill when properly used (Jeremy Laurance writes).

The finding, based on more than a dozen studies reported in tomorrow's *British Medical Journal*, suggests that teaching girls how to recognise the few days each month when they were likely to become pregnant could help cut the teenage pregnancy rate.

Studies in Germany and Britain show that the failure rate with the "rhythm method"—which involves avoiding sex during the fertile phase of the month — is better than condoms and comparable with diaphragms and coils.

Dr Richard Ryder, consultant physician at Dudley Road hospital, Birmingham, writes in tomorrow's *British Medical Journal*: "It amazes me that girls are not taught to recognise the signs of fertility. It gives tremendous power to women, for achieving as well as preventing conception."

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Snakes bite woman, 63

A woman almost died after stepping into a nest of adders on the North Yorkshire moors. Sheila Crosby, 63, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, was bitten on the ankle and went into a coma.

She was the second woman in three weeks to be attacked by adders on the moors. A friend, Peter Farrow, said: "At one point her life was in danger." She was treated in intensive care at Middlesbrough General Hospital, where she was in a satisfactory condition yesterday.

Danger driver

Jeanette Dicker, 25, of Hawkhurst, Kent, who admitted drink-driving and assault after a policeman clung to her moving car, was remanded in custody by Maidstone Crown Court pending reports. She was convicted of dangerous driving.

Paying the price

Jamie Sliman, 29, who impaled his arm and leg on railings at Chipping Sodbury, Avon, when he fell from a war memorial during his stag night outing, has been given an £800 bill for damage to the monument.

Campaign toll

Anne Scargill, 50, who has been campaigning for 12 months as leader of Women Against Pit Closures, has been admitted to hospital suffering from exhaustion.

Man killed wife as she read paper

A HUSBAND wept yesterday when he told a jury that he killed his wife because she ignored him and read a newspaper when he threatened to leave her.

Martin Gilles, 35, a civil engineering contractor, of Byfleet, Surrey, battered Elaine, 27, with a claw hammer after she told him that she no longer loved him. He denies murder but admits manslaughter on the ground of diminished responsibility.

Mr Gilles told the Old Bailey jury that he had decided on a last-ditch attempt to save the marriage by threatening to leave. As he packed his suitcase, Mrs Gilles threw her arms around him and the couple lay on the bed hugging.

"She was warm and affectionate," he said. "She went downstairs to make a cup of tea. I lay on the bed feeling that the whole world had just rolled from my shoulders. I thought: 'Thank God, she has come to her senses'."

But when he went downstairs to join her, she ignored him, Mr Gilles said. "All I could think about was throwing myself in the canal. She was just flicking the pages of the newspaper over, as if I wasn't even in the room. I saw the hammer and picked it up. I was going to bang it on the breakfast bar like a judge with a gavel and make her notice me. She suddenly shouted at me and in that split second I lost it and suddenly swung round."

The trial continues today.

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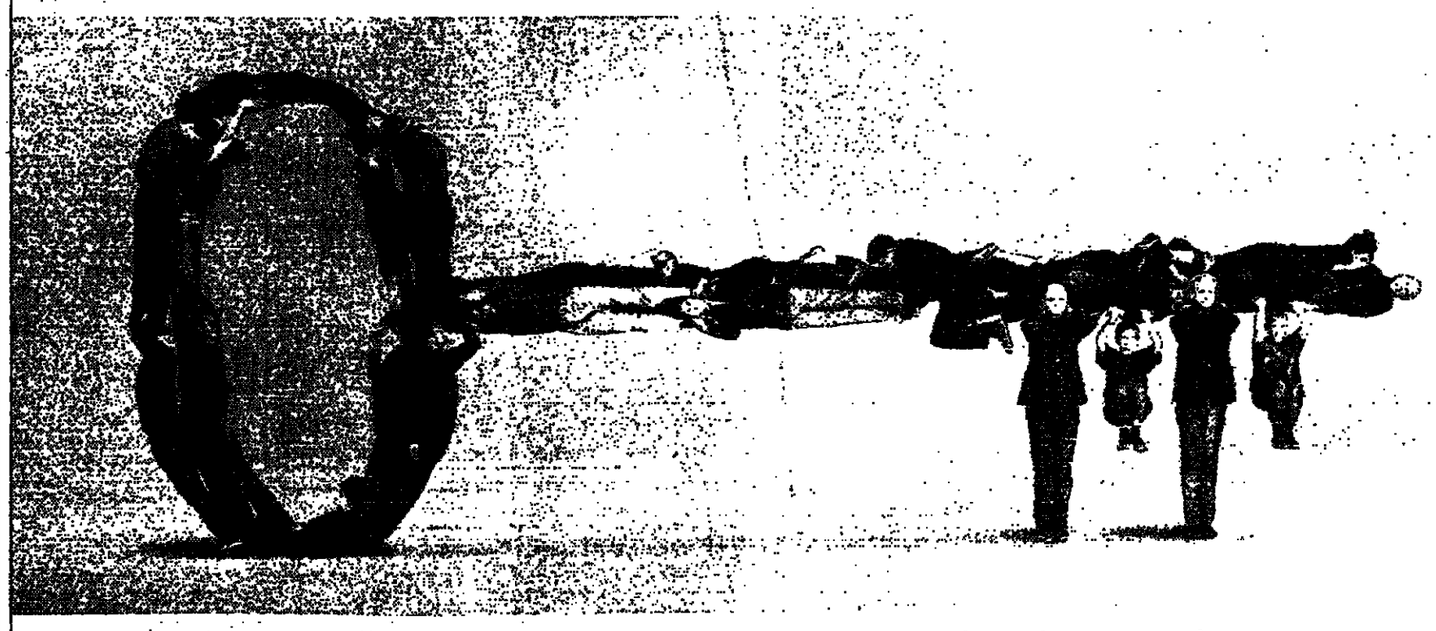

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Aggressive Short stops the rot with a draw in fifth game

Challenger conquers his fear of Kasparov

BY DANIEL JOHNSON AND IAN MURRAY

IS NIGEL Short afraid of Garry Kasparov? When they sat down to the fifth game of *The Times* World Championship yesterday, Kasparov had conceded one measly draw. People were laying bets on Short losing the 24-game match without winning a single game.

Short had every excuse to fear Kasparov. In the past he has admitted that, in the intimidation stakes, Kasparov is in a class of his own. Yesterday the challenger refused to be cowed, and showed for the first time that he could yet mount an effective counter-challenge.

Martin Amis includes a significant quote by Short in his fine essay on the 1986 world championship match between Kasparov and Karpov, which Amis includes in his forthcoming collection *Visiting Mrs Nabokov and Other Excursions* (Cape). "When I played Karpov," Short said, "it took me half an hour to get over my awe at playing the world champion. Then it was business as usual, just another game. With Kasparov — it's hard to describe. I found his presence uniquely disturbing. I have never faced such an intense player, never felt such energy and concentration, such will and desire burning across the board at me."

Short could talk like that in 1986, the year in which he last won a tournament game against Kasparov (though he won twice in their speed chess match the following year). How much more terrified would he be now, one might ask? The answer is: not at all. On the eve of yesterday's game he sounded more cheerful and relaxed than at any time since the match began.

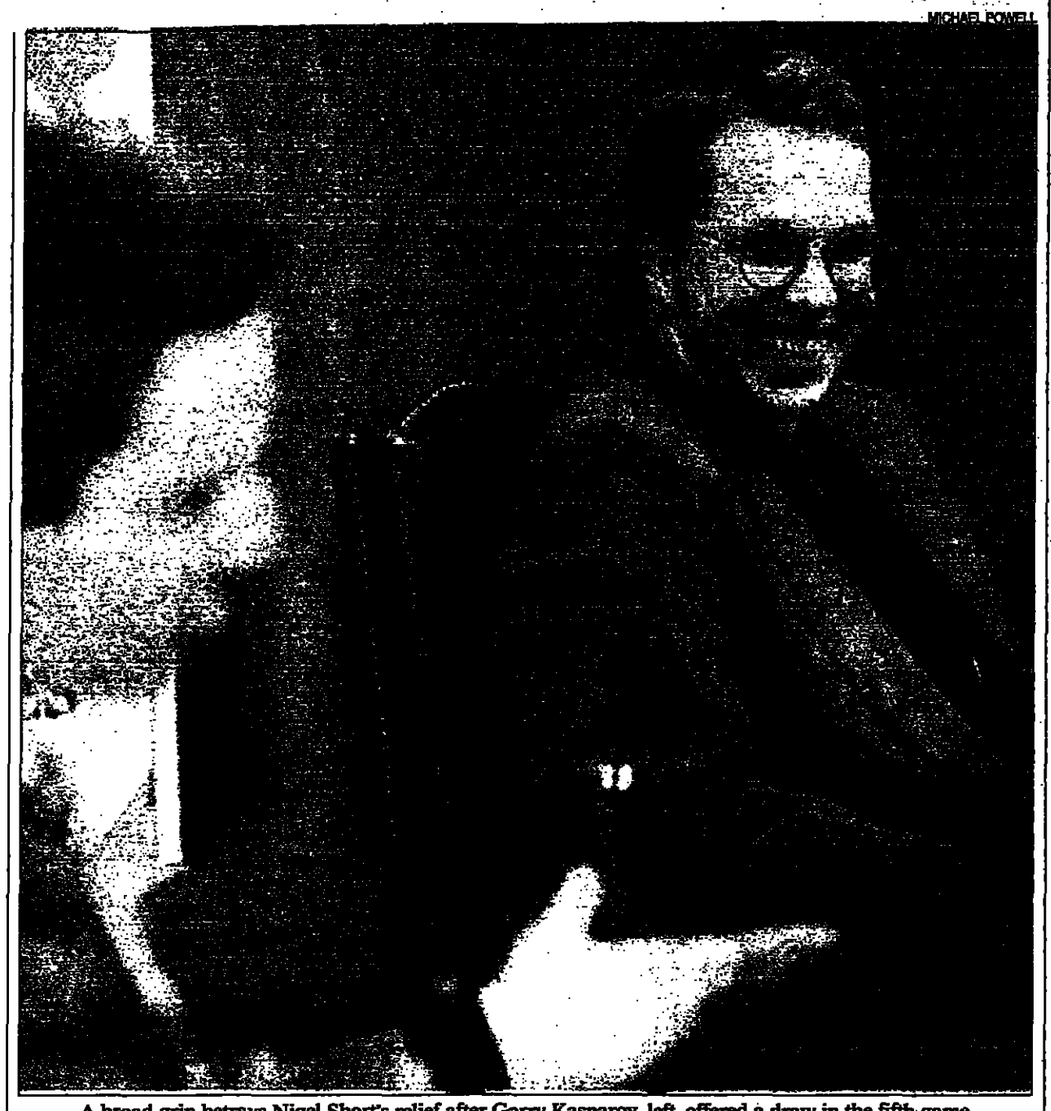
Despite the battering his ego had received in the first four games of the championship, Short was adamant that he still had everything to play for. His losses against Kasparov over the past ten days had, oddly enough, eliminated any fear he might once have felt. "I'm not afraid of him any more," Short said, quietly, but with absolute conviction. "I feel much more comfortable than I did on Tuesday.

"I still have 20 games left to play against Kasparov. You will see that I shall make some changes." Yesterday's game was utterly different from anything we have seen before. For a start, Kasparov opened with the queen's pawn — the first four games all began with the king's pawn. Then Short countered with the Nimzo-Indian Defence, which gets its outlandish name from the ultimate mad scientist of chess, Aron Nimzowitsch. Kasparov knows all major openings well, but his handling of this game seemed less sure than usual.

After formidable tactical complications, during which Kasparov took well over an hour and Short a mere 11 minutes, the game petered out into an equal endgame and a draw was agreed. Short, playing the Black pieces, never looked to be in trouble. Something had changed, just as we were promised. It will take more than this to regain the ground already lost, but for the moment Short has stopped the rot.

After the game Short that he had personally prepared every move that he had played during the game, not using any of the ideas suggested to him by his seconds for playing this variation. "I believe that I will play better now than you saw me play in the first four games."

MICHAEL POWELL



A broad grin betrays Nigel Short's relief after Garry Kasparov, left, offered a draw in the fifth game

New move sets the champion thinking

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

THE British challenger put Garry Kasparov under rapid pressure in the fifth game yesterday, and forced a draw in just 18 moves. Afterwards Nigel Short said: "It is hard to say if I have overcome my stage fright finally and conquered the clock, but I must say today I feel quite all right."

Short came back in game five to banish his recent hesitant form and force a painless draw with the Black pieces. After his battering in games three and four, Short's supporters were fervently hoping that he would revise his tactics of trying to obliterate the champion with his bare hands and opt for more safety-first methods. In fact, the opening at first indicated that Short, once again, planned to burn his bridges and go for the jugular.

The opening was the so-called Nimzo-Indian Defence, named after Aron Nimzowitsch, the self-styled "crown prince of the chess world" in the 1920s and author of the most famous book on chess strategy, *My System*.

Short played with razor sharpness, once again sacrificing pawns for the initiative. Short's tenth move, a lunge with his queen, was new to chess theory and set Kasparov thinking. After 11 moves the champion had already used 49 minutes of thinking time, while Short had used a mere seven.

This pattern persisted. After 18 moves Kasparov had used up one hour 28 minutes to Short's 11 minutes. At that point the champion castled, conceding that he had to return all of his extra material. Short's seconds, including the grandmaster Jon Speelman, were relaxed and confident throughout the game, indicating that Short had worked out his new strategy well before the game started.

With his 18th move Kasparov offered a draw, which Short accepted.

THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

White: Garry Kasparov
Black: Nigel Short
Nimzo-Indian Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	e6
3	Nc3	Bb4
4	Qc2	d5
5	cxd5	exd5
6	Bg5	h6
7	Bh4	c5
8	dxc5	g5
9	Bg3	Ne4
10	e3	Qa5
11	Be5	0-0
12	Bd3	Nc6
13	Bxe4	Nxe5
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15	Nf3	Bxf3
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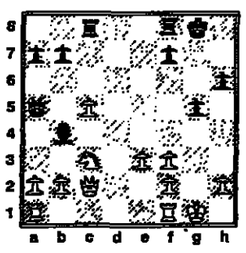
17	gxf3	Rac8
18	0-0	Draw agreed



The key variation in the final position, had the game continued, is 18 ... Bxc3 19 bxc3 Rxc5 followed by doubling the Black rooks on the c-file with the inevitable recapture of White's remaining extra pawn.

This was undoubtedly a moral victory for Short. With Black, he equalised chances swiftly and efficiently. If he can now use the advantage of the White pieces in the next game, scheduled for Saturday, the British challenger will be back with a chance.

After the game Kasparov said: "A draw with White is not the best result for me. I did not expect this opening. Nigel was much better prepared. The star move was when Nigel played 14 ... Bg4. This was a very good move. After this I realised I had to be very cautious to avoid the gravest consequences. Today's game proves that I must be careful."

Short said: "This game was an improvement on all previous games. My home preparation was excellent and even the position where the game stopped was not unfamiliar to me. It was a sharp line in which both sides can go wrong but I played it very solidly."

He agreed that the star move of the game was number 14, which stops White from castling on the queenside and allows Black swiftly to mobilise his queen's rook."

"After the first game I read in some parts of the press that I was already facing a whitewash," Short said. "This sort of thing just gets me angry and frustrated and makes things much worse. Today was a tiny moral victory of course, but the only real victory is when you score one point."

Both players and all experts agreed that Short's most brilliant move, the one the champion had not foreseen, was number 14. Its point is to slice across White's position and prevent him from castling. The champion is two pawns ahead, but with his king stuck in the centre the imminent rapid mobilisation of Short's forces means he can swiftly re-establish material equality.

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Plant buyers get poison warning

BY ANDREW PIERCE

A NATIONAL labelling policy is to be introduced by the horticulture industry to denote poisonous garden plants. The labelling scheme is the result of an investigation into hazardous garden plants undertaken by the Royal Horticultural Society, the National Poisons Unit and the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew.

Details of the new policy emerged on the same day that *Gardening Which?* published a report which showed that rhododendron bushes, which grow commonly across the country, can be dangerous, particularly to animals.

The Consumers Association magazine says that five dogs fell ill, and one had to be put down, after eating shreddings from a rhododendron *ponticus* plant which had been used for mulch. Bill Simpson, director of horticulture for the Royal Horticultural Society, said there was genuine concern over the scale of the potential danger to humans from plants, although there was no evidence of a human fatality from garden plants.

The report into labelling will be finished by the end of October. Dangerous plants will then be given a red triangle warning label under the scheme, which will operate in garden centres and nurseries.

Alistair Ayres, editor of *Gardening Which?*, said that gardeners had to beware of the hidden dangers. Sap and nectar from rhododendron bushes contained a potentially lethal toxin. Other potentially dangerous plants include laburnum, hemlock, and the seeds of yew and belladonna.

Meat gives best cut

BY ADAM FROST

MOST supermarkets offer meaty bargains, with considerable reductions in the price of British lamb. A leg of lamb at Safeway falls 70p to £1.62p a lb; at Sainsbury's it is still inexpensive at £1.68 a lb, while Asda's boneless shoulder is 30p cheaper at £1.68 a lb. Lamb chops at the Co-op are £1.89 a lb.

White fish is marginally dearer, with cod hitting £3.10 a lb. Haddock, whiting, salmon and carp will also go up, though coley remains a reasonable £1.30 a lb for quality fillets. New season sprats average £1 a lb, fresh sardines are a mere £1.30 a lb, while 2kg of mussels is £2.20. Waitrose also offers a cheap trout deal: down 50p to £1.89 a lb, and Harrods has followed suit, knocking 20p off quality pink trout, now £2.30 a lb.

Apples are the best bet at the fruit counter. English Cox are 49p a lb at Waitrose and Safeway; Sainsbury's Royal Gala apples are 39p a lb while Asda offers a bag of six to eight French Golden Delicious for 69p. Belgian Conference pears are down 10p to 39p a lb at Safeway, and William pears 24p a lb at Gateway. Bananas are similarly cheap, down 29p to 25p a lb at Gateway while they are 49p a lb at Waitrose.

Vegetables are in plentiful supply, with broccoli and cauliflower particularly abundant. Cauliflowers are 39p each at Safeway and Waitrose while broccoli is 59p a stick at Safeway's. Sainsbury's leads the market though: its broccoli is only 39p a lb.

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Safeway: unsmoked gammon steaks £1.99 a lb; Orchard Fruits lattice pie 85p; sultana cake 82p; Conference pears 39p a lb.
Sainsbury: fresh lamb leg £1.68 a lb; 3lb frozen beef mince £3.58; 2kg frozen peas £1.49; 12 Stella Artois £9.99.
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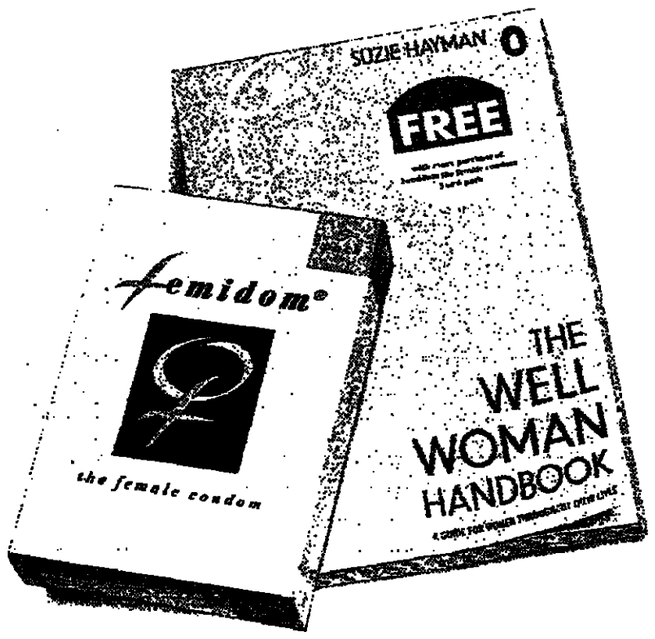

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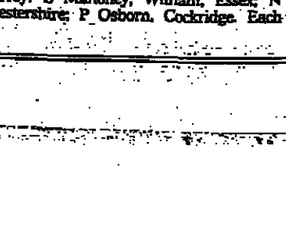

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Tourists' thirst for culture brings record 18m to Britain

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

OVERSEAS visitors to Britain increased last year by 8 per cent to a record 18.5 million, marking out the tourist industry as a recession beater.

The British Tourist Authority, launching its annual report in London yesterday, said that the results had exceeded its targets in a difficult year, when global recession and a strong pound had made the United Kingdom expensive, especially for Americans.

The authority said that the trend from simple sun-bathing to more fulfilling holidays was making Britain more attractive to foreign visitors and strong campaigns on overseas television had encouraged more to come.

Adele Biss, its chairman, said: "Our diverse assets are just what tourists want — heritage, culture and breath-taking scenery."

The report shows that for every £1 spent marketing Britain overseas, up to £56 was generated in extra tourist income.

The government has effectively frozen the authority's grant this year and will cut 40 per cent off the grant to its sister company, the English Tourist Board, by 1995. In this climate, the authority is keen to emphasise its cost-effectiveness and admitted making 29 London staff redundant in 1992 and cutting its "Come to Britain" award, saving £1.34 million.

Ms Biss forecast an even better result for 1993. In the first six months tourist numbers rose by 10 per cent and could reach more than 19 million by December, with spending totalling £8 billion.

Wealthy tourists from America, Germany and the Middle East helped to bring last year's spending total to £7.9 billion.

Americans made the most visits, 2.75 million, and spent the most, £1,490 million. Their visits were up by 18 per cent on 1991, when the figure fell because of the Gulf war, but have not yet recovered to the record level of 1990.

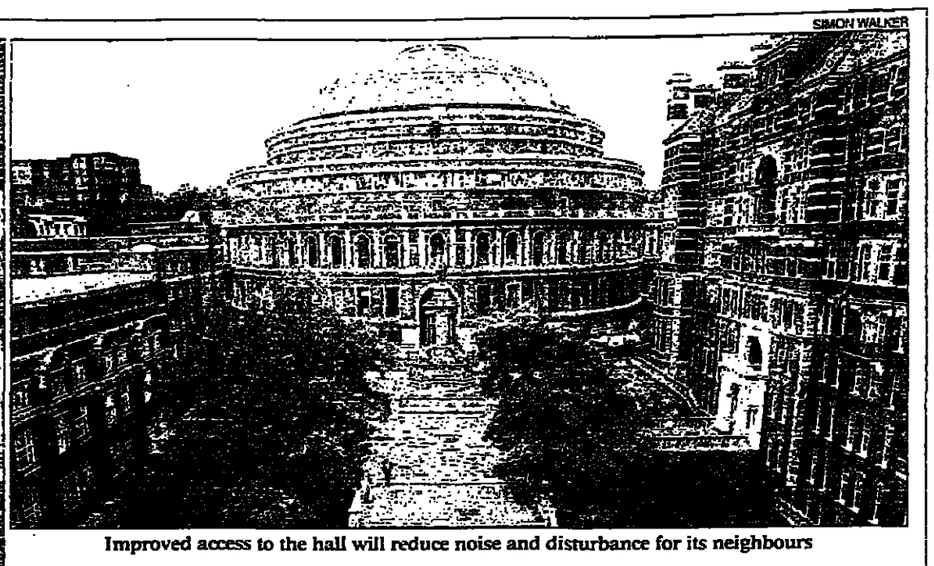
The second biggest group of tourists were the French, although they spent only £420 million, below that spent by German, Middle East and Irish visitors. The authority said that last year's fall in the value of sterling had come after the main holiday season and the full effects had not begun to show until the beginning of this year.

Japanese visits had been affected by political and economic uncertainty but attempts were being made to "feminise" the image of Britain to appeal to the largest group of Japanese tourists, "office ladies" — single, high-spending women with the leisure time to take a trip to Britain.

Ms Biss said: "It was an eventful year, and in view of the worldwide recession and strong pound which dominated for much of it, a time not without its challenges for the tourism industry."

☐ The London Tourist Board, which reported a 20 per cent increase in North American tourists and a total of ten million overseas visitors to the capital last year, has announced the appointment of Sir John Egan, the chief executive of BAA, as its chairman.

An artist's impression of how the southern entrance will look



SIMON WALKER

Improved access to the hall will reduce noise and disturbance for its neighbours

Albert Hall's £24m 'snobbery bypass'

BY MARCUS BINNEY
ARCHITECTURE CORRESPONDENT

THE chief executive of London's Albert Hall spoke yesterday of his dream to link the building with the Albert Memorial and to do away with the last vestiges of Victorian snobbery. The proposal to create a large public plaza is the most ambitious aspect of a £24 million project to refurbish the 120-year-old building by 2000.

Patrick Deuchar said that a substantial amount of the money would be spent on improving seating and facilities for visitors. "The hall was designed with a massive social snobbery which saw nothing wrong with treating different sections of the audience as first, second, third or fourth-class citizens."

Martin Ward, of the architects Building Design Partnership, said: "The balcony, once regarded as poor seats for the plebs, will be upgraded. The sordid labyrinth of corridors through the basement to the arena will be replaced by ground-floor access."

The main change to the auditorium will be a new concealed ventilation system. "At present there is no alternative to opening the doors and blending Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with the No.9 bus," Mr Ward said.

Half of the cost will be met by profits, but Mr Ward will be looking to government and supporters for £12 million.

Tougher laws urged to protect nature sites

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S most precious nature sites will be lost within 50 years unless the government strengthens conservation laws, a panel of eminent scientists and ecologists said yesterday.

They said the Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) system, the backbone of Britain's conservation programme, had failed. Instead of protecting important sites the present legislation favoured developers, landowners and farmers.

The panel members were speaking before handing in a survey of threatened sites, compiled by Dr Derek Ratcliffe, former chief scientist at the Nature Conservancy Council, abolished in 1991, to the environment department. The document lists 112 sites of European importance, of which 70 are under threat.

According to the latest figures, 200 to 300 of more than 6,000 designated sites are destroyed or damaged each year. Max Nicholson, former director-general of the council who devised the SSSI notification, said: "We have got to attack these stupid, selfish, greedy people who are ruining our planet."

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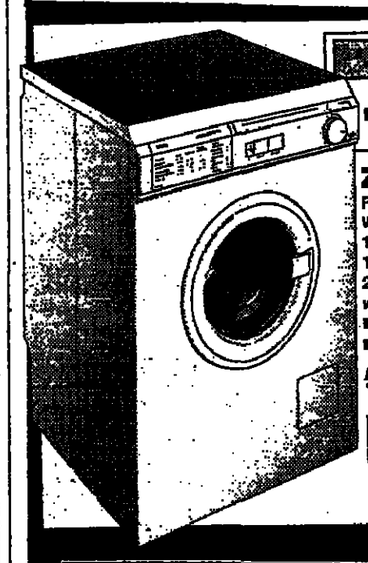

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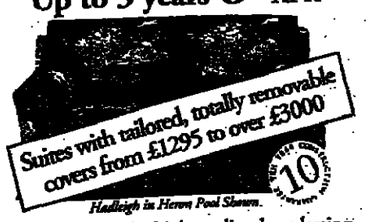

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'I regard it as not only ethical but strictly necessary to resist calls for increases in public spending'

The immorality of misguided charity

*In extracts from a speech this week to church leaders, **Michael Portillo** argues the moral case for reducing spending*

The public is generally susceptible to the argument that if a government spends more on a particular problem it is likely that it is a government that cares. While, of course, some problems can be solved by money, others can not. Sometimes problem and money simply pass each other by. Even so, governments often give the impression of sharing a belief in that simplistic connection.

In this giddy atmosphere of high generosity with other people's money, the chief secretary is that unhappy soul who has to say "no", or at least "no more". Why should he do so if ministers want to spend more, if much of the public wishes more to be spent and if even governments that make much of public spending restraints boast of how much they do in fact spend?

The government does not have money of its own. It has a duty to organise its affairs so as to take as little money from the citizen as it requires to carry out the programme on which it has been elected.

I believe in the increase of wealth. Money cannot buy happiness, and money is not everything. But without money it is difficult to relieve misery. The Good Samaritan was able to help both because he was good and because he was wealthy enough to pay for the care of the injured man. The relief of poverty, the increase of food production, the advance of medicine, the spreading of learning, all require money. Where wealth is being created there is employment. Where wealth is being destroyed there is bitterness and conflict.

I regard it as not only ethical but strictly necessary to resist constant calls for increases in public spending, because of the risk that the more we spend as a state the less we shall have to spend: because more public spending means more tax, and more tax means *less* economic activity. We must also avoid promising what we cannot afford. To raise false expectations is irresponsible and unfair.

It is reasonable to assume that money left with individual taxpayers will be spent at least as efficiently as, and probably more efficiently than, in the public sector. The government should therefore take money from taxpayers only to spend on things that only government can provide. Borrowing more than can be raised in taxes is no easy answer. The government must pay interest on the debts that it incurs. Servicing the debt is a burden passed to our children. So what should be the role of the state? What should be the responsibility of individuals?

Despite the generally good intentions that lie behind most extensions of the reach of the state some of the unintended consequences of so much state activity can be deeply harmful. If state provision of welfare is too broad and too deep, it undermines personal responsibility and lessens the influence and role of families. If people become locked into dependency, they can lose the habit of making choices for themselves and thereby find if far harder to act as responsible citizens. The more decisions the state takes for us, the less chance we have to make moral choices at all.

It is my view that the state has grown too big. It is trying to do too much and people look to government to do too many things for them.

Welfare costs already account for one third of all government spending and are currently rising at 3 per cent more than inflation every year. If that is allowed to continue our children will indeed inherit insupportable levels of debt. Provided we think far enough ahead, we can get right the balance that must be struck between personal provision for the future and that organised through the state. Nobody can ignore his or her own responsibility to be provident for the future.

On the safety-net benefits, we need to be clear about their purposes. Welfare should help people through financial difficulty and set them on the road to independence: not enhance them in dependency.

In considering the impact of state welfare or private charity on those who receive it, I am struck by something that the Jewish philosopher Maimonides wrote in the 12th century: "The highest degree of charity, exceeded by none, is that of the person who assists the poor by providing him with a gift or loan or by accepting him into a business partnership or by helping him find employment, in a word, by putting him where he can dispense with other people's aid."

I believe it is the first duty of government to help people to become what they wish to become, to fulfil their potential; above all to be individual and independent. The evil of poverty is that it removes people's choices. They have no opportunity to be independent and so poverty affects not only their way of life but also their spirits and their humanity. It robs them of their dignity.

Christian teaching urges us to be generous and to share our wealth with others. But it does not tell governments that they should be generous with money which is not their own. The Christian message is not about taxation, public spending and collectivised charity. It is about individual responsibility. The Christian message concerns the salvation of souls; individual souls. It is, I believe, a great confusion to stigmatise governments as somehow less Christian if they demur before removing money from people who have earned it, even if the intention is to give it to others. Taxation, by reducing people's disposable income, removes choices which are rightly theirs. By taking money from people in order to provide for their wants, we deny them the right to provide for themselves and their families and to make the moral choice of assisting others.

For many people the role of government *has* sapped from them — *one might almost say* confiscated — their sense of responsibility towards other people. It is hard to be neighbourly if we are told the state should look after our neighbours. It is hard to be responsible within our families if we are told that the state should educate our children, teach them right and wrong and for that matter care for our elderly relatives. We end up by virtually renouncing any responsibility for the way our society develops, for its customs or its morals. We expect the state to regulate and take full responsibility for everything.

The government does not do so, thank goodness. If it did dictate our morals and customs, we would be diminished, deprived of another of our human capabilities: the ability to regulate our own behaviour and to influence others. The state must not be allowed to substitute for individual conscience and responsibility.

The decisions that a government must take on taxation *and spending* go to the heart of the debate on political ethics. By its choices a government demonstrates its philosophy and shows its moral fibre.

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TIM BISHOP

"The chief secretary is that unhappy soul who has to say 'no more'."

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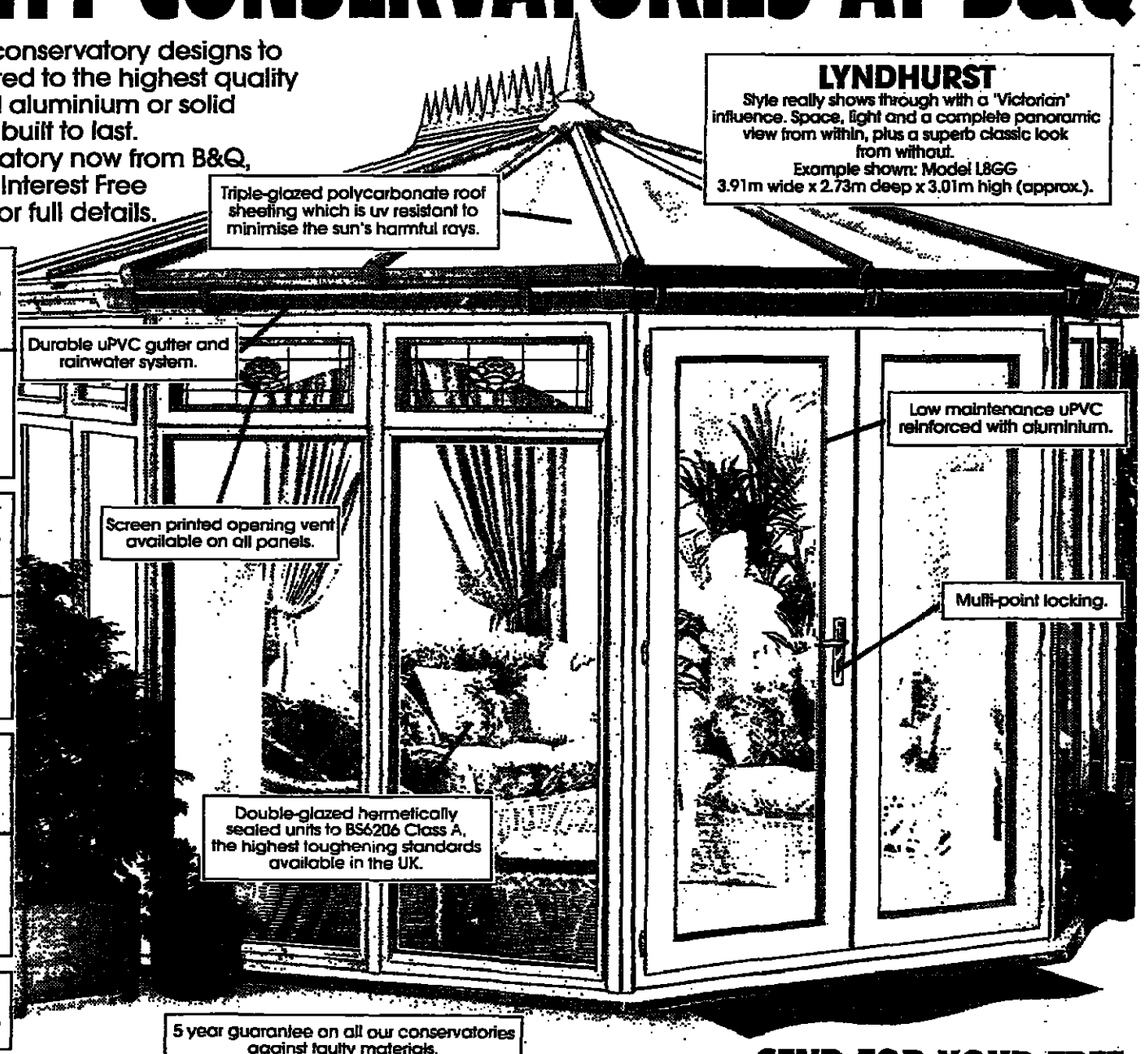

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Battered Tories begin battle to retake Newbury

BY JONATHAN PRYNN, POLITICAL REPORTER

CONSTITUENCY parties can suffer few worse experiences than by-election defeat in a once safe seat. That is what happened to West Berkshire Conservative Association earlier this year, when Newbury was lost to David Rendell, the Liberal Democrat.

Across the south of England, complacent, often amateurishly run Tory associations are being forced to respond to the Liberal Democrat threat. Throughout the shires, retired colonels and home-made jam are making way for a more aggressive regime of professional fund-raising and business plans.

In Newbury, all the association's officers except the treasurer have stepped down, and in some cases left the local political scene entirely. The agent, David Banham, resigned and the losing candidate, Julian Davidson, signalled his intention not to stand again.

The new chairman, Michael Gibbons, was elected at July's annual meeting, which attracted an unusually high turnout. He has given himself a year to rejuvenate the demoralised local association, sort out its financial problems and select a new candidate capable of winning back the seat at the next general election.

His first job has been to contact supporters and let them know that the association still functions despite the setback in May, and tell them of its plans for the future. Membership is about 4,000, but many members have allowed their subscriptions to lapse and about 15 of the association's 40 branches are all but dormant.

Next, he has sought to cut the party's financial deficit and restore the account to surplus. Last year, income of about £40,000 was marginally exceeded by expenditure, despite the association not paying its central office quota.

Mr Gibbons hopes that by appealing to wealthy individuals and locally based blue-chip companies, and by launching an ambitious programme of fund-raising events, things can be quickly improved. "These are all areas that have been neglected in the past," he said. Previous fund-raising activities did not extend far beyond the annual association dinner.

In December 1990 the party acquired new premises for £110,000, largely financed by a bridging loan for a wealthy benefactor at attractive interest rates. The loan was to be repaid from the proceeds of the sale of the old party headquarters, a listed building valued as recently as 1989 at more than £500,000. The party promised repayment of the loan within 12 months but, with Newbury suffering from the property market slump, the building remains unsold. It is currently valued at little more than a fifth of its estimated value in 1989.

The new offices are worth about £50,000, even after a £35,000 refurbishment, making a loss on the purchase of nearly £100,000. The lender's patience began to run out earlier this year and he threatened to call in the short-term bridging loan, which would greatly embarrass the party of prudent finance and sound business management.

Mr Gibbons, who works for a London property developer, and was elected largely on the basis of his business and property experience, believes the immediate crisis has now been averted. Last night he was presenting a new plan to the local party aimed at finally sorting out the problem. He has also been trying to ensure that the association and the county and district Tory groups speak with one voice. In the past, public airing of differences had not helped the party's cause in the area, he said. He has also written to John Major suggesting more communication between ministers and grass-roots activists.

The benefits of all this are now being felt in the constituency, according to Mr Gibbons. "There is a feeling that the management team knows what it wants and is going about getting it."

The jig-saw will be completed in the winter or spring, when the new prospective parliamentary candidate is selected. Mr Gibbons said he would be looking to attract a young high-flier of ministerial potential next time around.

By the middle of next year the Liberal Democrat honeymoon will be over, Mr Gibbons believes, and a real battle for the constituency will be under way. "We will start pushing the tide back and then David Rendell will have to start looking very seriously at what he's been doing. I am certainly confident we will win it back but I'm under no illusion it's going to be easy."

Muslims and Croats ignore leaders to seek control of key road links in aftermath of Uzdor slaughter

Bosnia battle rages in defiance of new ceasefire agreement

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

MUSLIM and Croat forces ignored a ceasefire agreement signed by their political leaders and continued fighting in central Bosnia yesterday.

United Nations peacekeepers reported that the Croatian Defence Force (HVO) used tanks, artillery and mortars in an attack on Gornji Vakuf which temporarily closed the main route used by aid convoys. An offensive by Muslim-led government troops threatened to cut key Croat communication lines north of Vitez, the base for British UN forces in central Bosnia.

Both armies are supposed to observe a ceasefire by 1000 GMT on Saturday under an agreement reached in Geneva this week by Bosnia's Muslim president, Alija Izetbegovic, and the Croatian president, Franjo Tudjman.

Marija Topic, the HVO spokeswoman, said four brigades of Muslim soldiers attacked Croat positions in Dubravica, Scjivica and Santici, with the object of disrupting transport and communication between between Vitez and Busavaca. "The Muslims are using tanks and heavy artillery of all types," she added. Vitez is a Croat-held town except for a small enclave of Muslims encircled in its centre. Busavaca, about five miles to the east, houses the HVO's central Bosnian military headquarters.

Ms Topic said the government attack, which began on Wednesday morning, had killed two HVO soldiers and wounded five others and forced the evacuation of hundreds of Croat villagers from their homes near front-line positions. "We have been successful in evacuating our civilians, but there has been a huge amount of property damage," she said.

Artillery, anti-aircraft and machine-gun fire could be heard yesterday afternoon to the north of Vitez, near the reported battle. UN sources in Vitez confirmed fighting between the two factions north of there. HVO troops had attacked and, unopposed, took several Bosnian army positions on high ground around Dubravica on Wednesday.

Government forces pushed back yesterday in an apparent attempt to regain lost ground and take control of the main highway linking Vitez with Busavaca. Muslim and Croat troops have been struggling for territory in central Bosnia since last winter when their alliance against Serbs collapsed.

Bitter fighting and atrocities have marked their conflict, with the latest claim of a massacre lodged by the Croats against Muslim forces in Uzdor, about 19 miles south-west of Vitez. UN and European Community observers who visited the site say 35 civilians were apparently killed by axe, knife and gun in a dawn attack on Tuesday.

The slaughter has exacerbated tensions between the Croat majority in Vitez and the tiny Muslim enclave which they have encircled. Government sources say that between 1,000 and 2,000 Muslims have been trapped there for more than four months. But the HVO says no more than 300 remain.

Angered by what it says has been incessant and deadly sniping from the enclave, the HVO issued an ultimatum for the Muslims to leave earlier this week; it was ignored.

Having once threatened to "flatten" the district, the HVO now say they prefer to negotiate the Muslims' eviction. "The HVO will guarantee the safe passage of any Muslim civilians, or they can ask the UN or some international organisation to take them out," Ms Topic said.

"Muslim soldiers would be treated as prisoners and exchanged for Croats held by the Bosnian army."

In southern Croatia yesterday, villages were burnt by Croatian troops before being handed over to UN peacekeepers under a ceasefire agreement with rebel Serbs. Smoke rose from the ruins of houses in Citluk and Donje Selo, settlements captured by the Croatians only a week ago in an attack on the Serb-held Krajina enclave of Croatia.

The destruction began shortly before UN peacekeepers deployed a buffer force between the two sides. The departing troops also exploded surplus ammunition and wrecked their bunkers. The 600 peacekeeping soldiers were accompanied by UN civilian police who will investigate whether the Croats observed international law during their week-long occupation of the villages in the Medak pocket.

The United Nations Protection Force said the Croatian Army had delayed its promised withdrawal from some settlements in the area.

General John MacInnes of the United Nations force told journalists in Zagreb that Croatian commanders "explained, satisfactorily to me, they need some more time."

But he warned that a long delay would be unacceptable and added: "I feel it should not take two days to move back five miles."

The Croats should have withdrawn by noon on Wednesday.

Secret deal, page 1

A Belgrade vegetable seller announcing a strike yesterday after city authorities imposed a rent on market stalls

Secret deal brings end of Bosnia closer

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after reaching an agreement on territorial division and "during the initial two-year period of the Union's existence, there shall be a provision for a referendum to be held on a mutually agreed date within the Republics of the Union on the question of whether citizens of any particular republic agree to remain in the union or to leave the union".

In an apparent safeguard for Bosnia, the document states: "In the case of the dissolution all rights of the Union of the Republics of Bosnia and Herzegovina, including membership of the United Nations, shall be automatically vested in the Republic with a predominantly Muslim majority."

Lord Owen and Mr Stoltenberg have invited the three Bosnian parties to "consider signing the peace package as a whole" in Sarajevo on Tuesday. Three weeks ago the Bosnian parliament rejected the proposed Bosnian union, both because it did not give the Muslims enough territory and because the original document did not provide enough guarantees that Bosnia would be preserved as one state. Yesterday's declaration casts doubt on the ability of a separate Bosnia to survive.

Georgia leader rallies troops in rebel zone

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

EDUARD Shevardnadze's position as Georgian leader worsened drastically yesterday as rebels in the autonomous republic of Abkhazia violated a six-week ceasefire to attack Sukhumi, the regional capital. Fighting was reported in the regional government building itself.

In a demonstration of the courage that has won the respect even of his enemies, the embattled Mr Shevardnaze flew to the city to encourage the Georgian troops. In an open telegram to President Yeltsin he appealed for Russian support, saying that Georgia had respected the Russian-sponsored ceasefire and that the Abkhaz had broken it. He vowed to defend the city "with my bare hands".

The Abkhaz offensive takes advantage of Georgia's other rebellion, that begun last week by forces loyal to Zviad Gamsakhurdia, the deposed Georgian president, in the neighbouring region of Mingrelia. On Wednesday this week the "Zviadists" launched a fresh attack intended to cut communications between Tbilisi, the Georgian capital, and Black Sea ports.

It is possible, however, that the Abkhaz offensive may lead to a suspension of the Mingrelian rebellion, since many of the Mingrelian rebels are Georgian government troops infuriated by Mr Shevardnadze's peace settlement with the Abkhaz.

Mingrelians see the settlement as a sell-out which endangers the large Mingrelian-Georgian population in Abkhazia. With Abkhaz forces now apparently on the verge of capturing the whole of Abkhazia, the Mingrelians may be persuaded to close ranks with Mr Shevardnadze's government.

The Georgian military position in Abkhazia looks desperate. The Abkhaz forces have not just entered Sukhumi and heavily shelled the airport, they have cut the main road linking the city to the rest of Georgia and destroyed a vital bridge near Ochamchira. Unless Georgian forces can reopen the road, the Georgian garrison at Sukhumi will be isolated and may be forced to surrender, a military disaster that would make any future Georgian reconquest of Abkhazia very unlikely.

Russia's architect of reform returns

BY ANATOL LIEVEN

PRESIDENT Yeltsin yesterday appointed Yegor Gaidar, Russia's radical economic reformer, as first deputy prime minister, in a move apparently intended to put his liberalisation programme on course and to reassure the West.

Mr Yeltsin indicated that Mr Gaidar would replace Oleg Lobov, the conservative deputy premier responsible for economics. Mr Gaidar, 37, a hate figure for Russian conservatives, was dismissed as prime minister by Mr Yeltsin last December as part of an effort to reach a compromise with the hardline majority in parliament. Reformers in the government have long been calling for his return.

But Mr Yeltsin's move will infuriate even moderate conservatives. It can be seen as part of what the president said would be a political "bombardment" of parliament this month, as part of an attempt to force early elections and break the constitutional deadlock which is paralysing the central administration.

Gaidar: hate figure for conservatives

Mr Gaidar's freeing of prices at the start of last year was effective in providing an incentive for farmers and traders to provide food to the empty shops, but the resulting inflation has angered many Russians. His appointment is a sign that Mr Yeltsin is determined to resist a budget passed by parliament that would double the planned government deficit. It also indicates Mr Yeltsin's commitment to privatisation.

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American Jews' euphoria fades after peace party

Rabin: US Jews regard him as the key to peace

*Anwar Sadat, who made peace with Israel at Camp David, was easy to love; Yassir Arafat may be harder to sell, **Martin Sieff** writes*

PROJECT Nishma is an American-Jewish organisation dedicated to Israeli-Arab understanding; on Monday night, after Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's prime minister, and Yassir Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman, shook hands to mark the signing of the Israeli-PLO peace agreement, it threw a party.

"We were flying high," Gene Berger, the organisation's spokesman, said. "The ballroom [of the Hotel Washington] was full of Jews and Arabs looking at people's name tags and hugging each other."

But the euphoria did not spread far beyond the ballroom. Publicly, American Jewish leaders have rallied to acclaim the accord. Privately, many of them admit to worrying if it will really succeed. "The agreement is clearly based on trust, and all minds are on whether it will work out," said Dan Mariaschin, international affairs director of B'nai B'rith, the oldest, largest and most prestigious Jewish communal organisation in America.

"There clearly is an ambivalent feeling among many in the community," he said. "Most American Jews want this to succeed, but there is understandable suspicion about it. Not for a minute should anyone think we're not concerned about how all of this will play out at the negotiating table."

Dov Zakheim, an Orthodox rabbi who served as deputy under-secretary of defence in the Reagan administration, said: "The best description of how people feel is nervousness. News of the agreement came as a shock. Now everyone's trying to catch up."

When peace with Egypt was signed 14 years ago, American Jews were euphoric. But Anwar Sadat, the Egyptian president at the time and perceived as a gallant warrior who showed courage and nobility in flying to Jerusalem to address the Knesset, was easy to love. Mr Arafat, a demon-figure to generations of American Jews, looks like proving to be a harder sell.

American Jewish leaders are trying, however. Last Friday, heads of 18 major communal organisations met in New York to set up a communal task force to educate American Jews on the virtues of the Israel-PLO accord. As a sign of the changing times, the group included Steve Grossman, president of the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee (Aipac).

Known as the 700lb gorilla on Capitol Hill, his organisation has a deserved reputation as the toughest, best-financed and most influential lobbying group in Congress. It has spearheaded fight after fight in the past to deny the PLO any recognition. But Mr Grossman, an influential Massachusetts Democrat and Clinton supporter who recently took overas Aipac president, backs the peace process.

"We're very excited and very moved," he said. "It's absolutely obligatory to grasp the opportunity that's been offered and to move forward. The [American Jewish] community's leadership is united in virtually full support for this." Religious leaders are in the forefront of that. Conservative and Reform rabbis throughout the country appear to have been overwhelmingly in favour of the accord in their Sabbath sermons last week. Even the Orthodox community, generally far more nationalistic and conservative than the liberal mainstream, appears split on the issue, but with many members vocal in support.

Mr Rabin's personal prestige played a huge role in selling the long-loathed idea of dealing with the PLO to American Jews. "He's got his name on this thing, and that helped bring everyone else here along," said one prominent American Jewish leader speaking on condition of anonymity. "Rabin was the key. He made everyone's acceptance possible. Without him, it would have been a much harder sell."

But that sell is conditional on the peace deal producing concrete results. If American Jews think Mr Arafat and the PLO are backtracking on their obligations, support for the accord is likely to erode fast.

"People want peace, but they want peace with security," Mr Grossman said. Rabbi Zakheim said that while American Jews and their leaders now "profess their support for Rabin, they are very anxious. They are not convinced that any Israeli government, whatever assurances it gives, will be in a position to control events. A lot of people fear that a door has been opened to the formerly hated enemy which cannot be closed." He added that American Jews were also reeling from the crumbling of long-held certainties.

"In the past, Israel's lead to American Jewish leaders was predictable," he went on. "Everyone knew what Menachem Begin and Yitzhak Shamir [previous Israeli prime ministers] stood for, and they thought they knew what Yitzhak Rabin stood for. But now too much is happening too fast. Leaders are trying to be supportive to the Israeli government, but they're not enthusiastic. They're not dancing the hora. They will support Rabin. But they will be nervous."

Mr Mariaschin said: "The American Jewish community understands that this is a chance to be seized, but it's also a tremendous risk."

Martin Sieff writes for The Washington Times

Syria urged to rein in opponents of accord

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON AND CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

PRESIDENT Clinton has urged President Assad of Syria to take action over Palestinian extremists based in Damascus who are denouncing the peace accord between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

Mr Clinton told Mr Assad during a telephone conversation on Wednesday that the denunciations by hardline factions could undermine support for Yassir Arafat and that they were doing nothing to convince a nervous Israeli public that Jerusalem could safely make peace with Syria.

Mr Assad needs an accord with Israel because that is the only way he can recover the Golan Heights, which Israel seized in the 1967 Six-Day war. He has also been seeking better relations with Washington since the collapse of the Soviet Union, Syria's long-time patron. Palestinian groups based in Damascus include Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement, and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine whose leader, Ahmed Jibril, has threatened to assassinate Mr Arafat.

Earlier on Wednesday, Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, had publicly called on Syria to "demonstrate its desire for peace". He accused Mr Assad's regime of seeking to undermine the Israeli-PLO accord by providing cover and aid to those who were bent on wrecking it.

Mr Clinton also reassured Mr Assad that he was committed to seeking a resolution of Syria's dispute with Israel over the Golan Heights but is constrained from moving too fast on that track by Israeli public opinion. Mr Rabin told Mr Clinton on Monday that returning the Golan Heights to Syria so soon after ceding the Gaza Strip to the PLO would be too much for most Israelis to accept.

Mr Arafat announced yesterday that Egypt has begun to train members of the embryonic Palestinian security forces whose task will be to subdue radical Palestinian and Islamic opposition to the new accord. He made the disclosure during a surprise visit to Egypt to thank President Mubarak for the part he played in securing the agreement, after semi-official Egyptian media complained about the lack of recognition Cairo had received. According to PLO officials, the Palestinian security forces will be mainly responsible for controlling the Palestinian side of Gaza's borders with Egypt and Israel.

The US State Department announced yesterday that it will release $30 million (£19.7 million) in economic and military aid to Jordan following that state's agreement with Israel on Tuesday on a framework for a peace treaty. The aid was frozen in 1991 when Jordan supported Iraq during the Gulf War.

Palestinian police officers undergoing training yesterday at an academy in Amman, Jordan, before their deployment in the occupied territories

Claims to Jerusalem await resolution

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

MOSHE Cohen, a seminary student, had not counted on seeing three Palestinian flags on the rooftops of Arab houses as he descended to the base of the Wailing Wall, Judaism's holiest site, to make his prayers for the Jewish new year yesterday.

Even without the colourful reminder of the new-found confidence among Arabs in Jerusalem, the student was mindful that the coming year could pose the greatest challenge to Israel's claim over Jerusalem as its undivided and eternal capital. "I am here today to pray for the Jewish people, for Eretz Israel [the biblical Land of Israel] and Jerusalem," Moshe said. "I am afraid that what [Yitzhak] Rabin [the prime minister] has given the Arabs now in Gaza and Jericho will ultimately lead to giving back Jerusalem as well. It is very dangerous."

His concern over the future of Jerusalem is shared by the vast majority of his countrymen, both on the left and right. An opinion poll this week which showed strong support among nearly two-thirds of Israelis for the agreement, also disclosed that 89 per cent believed the government should not make any compromise on Jerusalem's sovereignty.

When Mr Rabin and Yassir Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman, agreed on Monday to begin the transfer of control in the Gaza Strip and Jericho to Palestinian self-government, they deliberately put aside the toughest obstacles to reconciling their 45-year conflict. Foremost among these is that of Jerusalem's future sovereignty and in particular the status of the eastern part of the city captured and annexed by Israel in 1967. The area — which includes the walled Old City containing the Wailing Wall, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the site of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection, and the Dome of the Rock, Islam's third holiest site — is a labyrinth of historical and religious claims.

Since the issue of Jerusalem's status first arose in 1916, there have been no less than 56 different proposals for its future, including turning it into an international city or making it the joint capital of Israel and a future Palestinian state. "Jerusalem interests not only its inhabitants, who are interested in arriving at practical solutions, but also the Jews of Brooklyn, the Muslims of Indonesia and the Christians of the Vatican," said Moshe Hirsh, an expert on the city. "When the subject at hand is symbols, it is much more difficult to compromise."

While the Israeli and Palestinian leaders had hoped to put their rival claims over Jerusalem to one side, for as long as two years, the issue threatens to dominate public attention much sooner. Campaigning has begun for the city's mayoral elections on November 2, when Teddy Kollek, 82, will be seeking a seventh term.

While he is against relinquishing any sovereignty over the city, Mr Kollek alone has the connections to find a compromise that could satisfy Jerusalem's 350,000 Jews and 150,000 Arabs. Among the ideas floated in his ruling Labour Party is the possibility of creating Palestinian-controlled boroughs, which would run their own municipal affairs.

Likud is opposed to any concessions that could lead to Arab self-rule, but the Palestinians are adamant their half of the city must be returned.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Unita shells Angola city in defiance of UN ban

São Tomé: Angolan rebels have shelled the besieged city of Cuito where, the Luanda government said, starving people were eating the flesh of the dead to survive.

State radio, monitored here, said Unita guerrillas had failed to seize the city on Wednesday in an all-out attack before the UN Security Council met on Angola and imposed an arms and oil embargo on Unita for refusing to abide by the terms of a 1991 peace agreement and for ignoring last year's elections, which it lost.

The security council threatened further sanctions in November but delayed the imposition of the arms and oil embargo for ten days to allow time for new peace talks to be convened. About 100 people are thought to have died in the artillery barrage over the past 24 hours, the radio said. Cuito, 245 miles east of the Atlantic port of Lobito, has been under siege by Unita for the past eight months. *(Reuter)*

Land challenge

Harare: Six white farmers have defied Zimbabwe's government and asked the High Court to declare unconstitutional the compulsory purchase of 37,000 acres of their land. The government is contesting the action. *(Reuter)*

Rebels defect

Phnom Penh: More than 100 Khmer Rouge guerrilla defectors have been brought here for eventual integration into the Cambodian army, Tea Banh, the deputy defence minister, said. About 1,500 rebels have defected in the past month. *(Reuter)*

Drivers strike

Delhi: India's 1.8 million long-distance lorry drivers have gone on strike, the second in just over a month, in protest against an increase in licence fees, union officials said. The government and the drivers have taken hardline positions. *(Reuter)*

Dirty dancing

Tehran: Police raided a wedding reception here and arrested 15 people for violating an Islamic ban on dancing, the *Abrar* newspaper reported. Police said 250 men and women with "obscene looks" were attending the wedding. *(AFP)*

Offer rejected

Vienna: The International Atomic Energy Agency rejected North Korea's latest conditions for the inspection of its nuclear facilities, specifically two sites at Yongbyon, and found its proposals for a resumption of talks "insufficient", an official said. *(AFP)*

Actress marries

Los Angeles: Loretta Young, 80, the actress who starred in nearly a hundred films, married for the third time at a church in Beverly Hills, California. Her new husband is Jean Louis, 85, a costume designer, who won an Oscar in 1956. *(AFP)*

South African MPs debate electoral commission bill

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN CAPE TOWN AND RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH African MPs yesterday began debating the establishment of an independent electoral commission, on which a draft bill was presented by negotiators from the constitutional talks.

Delegates to the discussions, at the World Trade Centre in Johannesburg, are concerned that a sitting government has inordinate power to influence an election result. They have insisted that the country's first democratic polls be supervised by an independent body.

"For the first time legitimacy and legality begin to merge," said Dene Smuts, a Cape Town Democratic Party MP, explaining that the constitutional negotiations had legitimacy but not legality, whereas parliament has legality but not legitimacy. "Today marks the start of this process."

The election commission bill is the first of four proposed pieces of legislation to come out of the negotiations to be presented to parliament, although none of them will come into effect until a new constitution is approved, expected late next month.

The only objection to the bill came from the right-wing Conservative Party. Hendrik van der Merwe viewed it as an African National Congress-Communist Party plot to strengthen their revolutionary aims. He also criticised the bill for allowing foreign interference in the country's affairs, since five members of the electoral commission may come from the international community.

Danie Schutte, the home minister presenting the bill to a joint sitting of all three houses of parliament, which are effectively legislating their demise, insisted that international observers have made a valuable contribution to peace. He said: "I also have no doubt that international observers can play a cardinal role in the coming election. Their mere presence may very well deter intimidation and violence." He said that the three bills he was presenting had the support of the mainly Zulu Inkatha Freedom Party, despite its boycott of the multi-party constitutional talks. The second calls for a monitoring of government-owned media in the election campaign, and the third would set up an authority to regulate broadcasting in the long term.

All three are likely to be approved this week. The fourth and more controversial bill will seek to establish a transitional executive council, which would take effective control of various ministries.

The Conservative Party and Inkatha have withdrawn from the talks, but yesterday the government tried to entice the Zulu party back. President de KLerk pointed out to Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the Inkatha leader, and ministers from the KwaZulu homeland, that a federal future had been agreed. Mr de Klerk said the federal principle would be entrenched in the constitution.

Once the bill for a transitional council has been approved by parliament, the ANC said it would call for the lifting of sanctions. Nelson Mandela, the ANC president, is expected to urge their removal when he visits America next week.

A senior ANC source said in Johannesburg yesterday that a declaration by Mr Mandela was "very likely". All that remained was where and when he would make it. Mr Mandela will probably ask for embargoes to be dropped in his speech to the World Economic Development Congress in Washington.

Italy seeks changes in Somali role

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

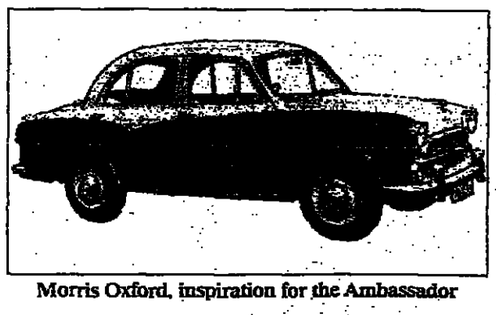
CARLO Azeglio Ciampi, the Italian prime minister, is expected to urge radical changes in the United Nations operation in Somalia when he meets President Clinton in Washington today, as Italy mourns the killing of two peacekeepers shot while jogging in Mogadishu, diplomatic sources said.

In a message to the families of the two paratroopers, both 20, Signor Ciampi yesterday expressed "my pain and that of the nation for this new mourning that strikes Italy as she strives in all international forums for a political solution to bring peace to that very tormented country". Six Italian soldiers have been killed in the former Italian colony since Operation Restore Hope began last December.

The two men were shot by snipers on Wednesday as they jogged out of uniform. The Italian contingent was being withdrawn from Mogadishu on the same day for redeployment elsewhere in the country. As the two bodies were flown home yesterday, opposition parties renewed calls for Italy to leave Somalia. Fabio Fabbri, the defence minister, said on Wednesday, however, that the troops will stay.

India's aged warhorse of the road beats path to export conquests

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI



Morris Oxford, inspiration for the Ambassador

India's ubiquitous Ambassador car, a plodding clone of the 1946 Morris Oxford, is to be marketed in Britain. Decades of foreign ridicule have done nothing to alter its popularity or shape, and India remains hugely proud of its fossil-on-wheels.

Ten people can cram into the cavernous interior, and a short man could practically stand upright. The car is built for war: it plunges into potholes and clambers out the other side no worse for wear. Driving it could be viewed as an alternative to weight training. The suspension, such as there is any, is designed to inflict maximum pain on passengers, and the gearbox fights back with a terrible mashing of cogs.

In accidents, it crushes lesser vehicles. The engine, which seems to be immortal, can propel this tank at 60mph, given an open road and an hour or so to get into its stride. Village mechanics fix it with a screwdriver and a couple of spanners. It belongs to a simpler age: it is timelessly Indian.

In the late 1940s, Sir Miles Thomas of the British Motor Company teamed up with the Birlas, one of India's biggest industrial families, and in 1949 the Morris Oxford made its Indian debut. A decade later it became the Ambassador, initially assembled from a kit provided by Britain. The shape of the car has not changed since.

In just over four decades nearly 700,000 Ambassadors have been produced by Hindustan Motors, and 25,000 continue to roll off the Calcutta production line annually. Men, not robots, assemble the hefty bodywork. The metal is so thick a hammer blow would scarcely dent it. The Japanese, entranced by this dinosaur, have started importing it, as have a few African countries.

But it is Britain that offers the prospect of sizeable foreign sales, if only for nostalgia's sake. "The Ambassador: an institution conserving the traditional flavour of Britain," pants a bilingual glossy brochure produced for the British and Japanese markets. "The Ambassador remains not an imitation of the Morris Oxford, but the genuine thing. Once again, it is being celebrated and revived in England." A bit over the top, maybe, but then this is no ordinary car.

However, times are changing. India's prime minister has a white Ambassador that looks like the real thing, but is not. Under the bonnet is a Japanese engine powerful enough to carry the burden of bullet-proof metal plates, bomb-proofing and inch-thick glass. The same engine will be in the exported models. Soon, Indians will also be able to buy the upgraded Ambassador.

It is surely the world's cheapest car, costing Indians £3,829, including taxes; the upgraded model will cost £1,000 more. The price in Britain will be something over £6,000. Export models will have a catalytic converter, fuel injection and a range of mechanical and safety improvements to meet European Community standards. But S.K. De, president of Hindustan Motors export division, complains about hidden trade barriers in Britain.

The company is seeking clearance to sell a maximum of five cars a year in Britain. Any more than that and tougher safety tests would be required, including driving the Ambassador into a stone wall at 25mph. Doubtless the wall would lose.

Titanic death toll blamed on low-grade steel used for hull

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

■ The rapid sinking of the luxury liner has been blamed on cracking of the steel plates. Better quality steel might have given it another two hours afloat

A NEW study has concluded that hundreds more passengers might have been saved when the *Titanic* struck an iceberg on its transatlantic maiden voyage in 1912 if the luxurious ocean liner had not been made of such poor-quality steel.

Analysis of samples of the wreck disclosed that the ship was built of brittle low-grade steel that cracked extensively on impact, sinking the vessel much faster than if better steel had been used.

"A better quality of steel plate might have averted her loss or resulted in an even slower rate of flooding that might have saved more passengers and crew," the study says.

The *Titanic* hit the iceberg while sailing at 22 knots from Southampton to New York at 11.40pm on April 15. The ship went down in two hours and 40 minutes, drowning all but 705 of the 2,200 on board.

Maritime experts, who presented their findings yesterday to a meeting of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers in New York, blamed the rapid flooding on extensive cracks in the steel plates.

The team attributed the cracking to "brittle fracture" in which low-grade steel breaks violently when cold, rather than bending. The icy Atlantic had chilled the hull to about 31OF. The study says the rumbling and roars heard by survivors were probably not explosions in the engineroom as once thought, but the cracking of the hull.

Smith: almost collided with another vessel

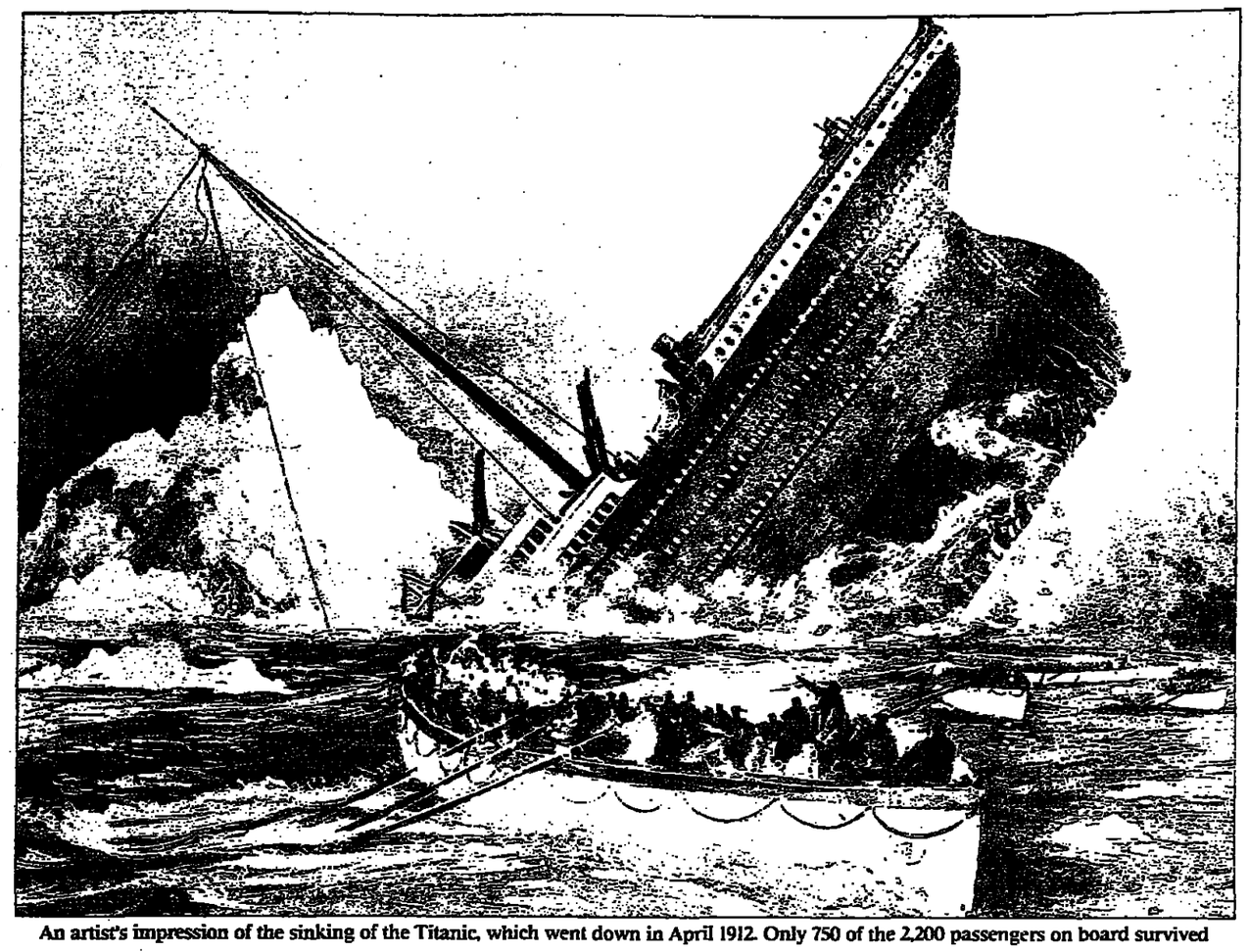
William Garzke, a senior naval architect at the New York firm of Gibbs & Cox, said the ship's owners had no way of knowing that the steel used to build the vessel at Belfast's Harland and Wolff shipyard would break up so rapidly. "Nobody knew about brittle fracture until the second world war, when it was involved in the loss of some Liberty ships and some tankers that broke in two," he said. "They just did not know."

Mr Garzke, who conducted the study with four other marine experts, said that if the *Titanic* had been made of better quality steel it might have stayed afloat "another hour or two". "We are concluding that the ship itself would have sunk, but it would have taken much longer to sink," he said. "That would have given time for the passengers to have been saved."

The team also studied the *Titanic*'s two sister ships and photographs of the wreck, which lies off Newfoundland in two large chunks 2,000ft apart. The first, *Olympic*, clearly showed brittle fracture when she collided with HMS *Hawke*, a British warship, in 1911. The *Britannic* also displayed brittle damage when she was struck by a German torpedo in the first world war.

The ill-fated liner was skippered by Captain Edward Smith, a 60 year-old veteran who had clocked up two million miles of sailing when the *Titanic* sank. At the time, he was the highest paid ship's captain in the world on a salary of £1,250.

After the sinking, however, questions were asked about his abilities. The look-outs that night had not been issued with binoculars and Smith, in sailing out of Southampton, almost collided with another vessel, it was claimed.



An artist's impression of the sinking of the Titanic, which went down in April 1912. Only 750 of the 2,200 passengers on board survived

Hurd says China must not be awarded the Olympics

BY JONATHAN MIRSKY, EAST ASIA EDITOR, IN HONG KONG, AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

DOUGLAS Hurd, the foreign secretary, said yesterday that Peking should not be awarded the 2000 Olympic Games. Any such decision by the Olympic committee at its meeting in Monte Carlo on September 23 would be a "bad choice".

His remarks in Sydney are likely to anger China, and will cast a pall over Britain's already fruitless negotiations with Peking over the future of Hong Kong.

Speaking in a television interview he said: "No, they should not get the Games. I feel quite strongly about that ... I think it would be poor news ... I think that would be a bad choice." He favoured Manchester or, failing that, Sydney. But in what were clearly carefully chosen words, he went much further. There were "very strong reasons," against Peking, he said. "You have only to look at the newspapers every day to see what they are. I do not think this is a good idea."

On October 1, Mr Hurd will meet Qian Qichen, his Chinese opposite number, in New York for a last-ditch effort to rescue the Hong Kong negotiations from the failure into which both Hong Kong and Peking hint they are falling.

British officials in Hong Kong, acknowledging the anger the remarks will cause in Peking, insisted that they had not slipped out accidently. "These things are thought out; they don't just happen," one said. "If he'd wanted, he could have just stuck to supporting Manchester. He would have known there would be questions about Peking."

In London the Foreign Office said there was no comment to add to Mr Hurd's remarks, and made it clear not only that he stood by them, but that he felt very strongly about the issue.

His remarks come two days after Peking announced the release from 14 years and six months in prison of its most famous dissident, Wei Jingsheng, in what is interpreted as a naked attempt to persuade the International Olympic Committee that human rights need not get in the way of a favourable decision.

Another blow to Sino-British relations came yesterday from Anthony Galsworthy, the leader of the British side in the Joint Liaison Group talks in Peking on what are called nuts-and-bolts matters straddling the 1997 takeover of sovereignty by China, such as the new airport, the new container port, the stationing of Chinese troops, and the localisation of laws.

The last meeting of the group in June, after a break of six months, ended in mutual acrimony. The session yesterday also witnessed charges and counter-charges of disappointment and blame, with Mr Galsworthy saying, as he did in June, that the business of the group may not be accomplished by 1997.

Chris Patten, the governor of the colony, said in a hard-hitting speech yesterday that if the talks broke down the Hong Kong government would take matters into its own hands. If China tried to reverse whatever was decided "there would be some explaining to do". Chinese officials immediately responded that as sovereign after July 1, 1997, Peking could make whatever changes it wanted in Hong Kong's constitution, if it seemed that previous agreements had been violated.

☐ **New links:** On the eve of Paul Keating's talks in London about loosening constitutional links with Britain, Australia has announced far-reaching foreign policy co-operation with Canada (Michael Binyon writes).

The two are to pool diplomatic representation abroad in up to a dozen countries, starting in Cambodia, sharing buildings, consular services, communications and personnel. Australia will probably place diplomats in Canadian missions in Latin America and Africa, and the Canadians will use Australian embassies in Asia and the Pacific region.

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Sydney pours scorn on Manchester Games bid

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN SYDNEY

Rod McGeogh, leader of Sydney's Olympic 2000 bid, was in buoyant mood as he had his final round of farewell drinks, accompanied by lyrical speeches, before jetting off to Monte Carlo for next week's International Olympic Committee selection vote. "If you give Australians a challenge, we are not about coming second," he declared.

Sydney, if Mr McGeogh is to be believed, is supremely confident of winning. Most people here dismiss Manchester, which is also bidding, as too dreary, drizzle-swept and disorganised. Peking, Australians believe, is their closest rival — but for all the wrong reasons. Paul Keating, the Australian prime minister, who is in Washington this week, has made clear his belief that if the Chinese win it will be a political decision. That, of course, would be most unsporting, and the people of Sydney detest bad sportsmanship. Berlin and Belgrade, the other two bidders, are rated nowhere in Sydney.

It would be hard to imagine a population more devoted to the outdoors and to the celebration of sport as a culture than the inhabitants of this city. Glittering marine prospects and spectacles of glamorous hedonism are as natural to its residents as rain and concrete to those of Manchester. Clean beaches dot the city coastline and everyone heads for the ocean at the weekend.

Already, and it is still only the start of spring, there have been early sightings of the "Iron Men", those absurdly muscled specimens who have triumphed in nutty swimming, surfing, rowing and jumping marathons. In stark contrast, magnificent beer bellies wander up and down, their owners clutching a fresh intake of canned liquid nourishment. Others, perhaps more civilised, drink "Coony Cab Sav" as Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon is known.

Add to that Sydney's eclectic and somewhat confused multi-cultural mix and it is small wonder that it is the favourite in the Olympic stakes. As Mr McGeogh says, it is precisely this potent mix that provides yet another reason to choose Sydney. The city can, he says, offer every imaginable combination of language and cuisine and, furthermore, every visiting team will have a resident band of erstwhile fellow nationals ready, able and willing to root for it.

Puglisi: led campaign against organised crime

Anti-Mafia priest is murdered in Sicily

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

SICILIAN police yesterday were investigating the murder in a Mafia-infested Palermo suburb of a Roman Catholic priest who led an outspoken campaign against the Cosa Nostra.

Father Giuseppe Puglisi, 56, was shot in the back of the head with a 7.65-calibre pistol fired at close range outside his home in the Brancaccio suburb as he was returning home on Wednesday night. Newspapers said that the killing was the first by the Mafia of a priest active in the battle against organised crime.

In July, Father Puglisi organised a commemoration of the first anniversary of the killings of Giovanni Falcone and Paolo Borsellino, the anti-Mafia judges. Two months ago, the door of his church was set alight in an apparent Mafia warning.

Cardinal Salvatore Pappalardo, the Archbishop of Palermo, said the killing was "barbaric. Young people especially will cry for Father Puglisi, seeing him as the most authentic example of church action aimed at overcoming grave social problems such as the Mafia and every other form of violence."

Polish nostalgia points to return of communists

FROM ADAM LEBOR IN WARSAW

POLAND'S general election on Sunday is likely to see a return to power of former communists. Widespread discontent with the cost of free-market reforms has triggered a wave of nostalgia for the economic certainties of the old Marxist regime.

The most recent opinion polls show the Democratic Left Alliance (SLD), successor to the communists, leading the race with a small lead over the centrist Democratic Union of Hanna Suchocka, the prime minister, and the Polish Peasants' Party.

Led by Alexander Kwasniewski, a former minister in Poland's last communist government, the SLD is likely to be the biggest party after Sunday's voting. However, the country's complicated electoral laws, under which a party must receive 5 per cent of votes to gain seats in the Polish parliament, means that the SLD is unlikely to be able to form a government on its own. The stage could be set for weeks or even months of wrangling as the main parties quarrel over who is willing to work together and state their terms for entering a coalition government.

However, even if Mr Kwasniewski takes office as Poland's next prime minister, there will be no return to the bad old days of secret policemen, gulags and collective farms. Just as in Britain, the redesigned labour party has jettisoned any real commitment to socialism. The SLD's sleekly groomed candidates are now careful to take in the same language spoken by technocrats and moderate left politicians all over Europe.

The SLD has backed privatisation measures in parliament although it has pressed for higher welfare provision. "We are ready to take part in a pragmatic coalition which looks towards the future, not the past," Mr Kwasniewski said earlier this week. "We are about resolving problems in domestic and foreign policies and we need competent people in office."

This is the message that is proving so seductive to Poland's voters: a sense of stability and that the upheavals are over. The SLD is campaigning as the Mr Fixit of Polish politics on the slogan "Want to straighten things out? Take a turn to the left". In fact the main difference between the SLD and Mrs Suchocka's Democratic Union is over the speed of economic reform rather than fundamental political systems, although the SLD is less enthusiastic about Poland joining Nato.

As well as the Democratic Union, and the SLD, only two more of the dozens of parties contesting the election are likely to surpass the 5 per cent threshold: the Communist-associated Polish Peasants' Party, and the Labour Union, formed by former Solidarity activists.

Public boos jailings of Berlin Wall masters

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

■ Members of the former East German communist regime, found guilty of encouraging border guards to shoot dead would-be fugitives, still have plenty of friends

GERMAN judges, ignoring catcalls from the public gallery, yesterday concluded the country's first big trial against members of the East German communist regime by imposing stiff jail sentences.

The spectators, who were clearly sympathetic to the three elderly defendants, Heinz Kessler, the former defence minister, Fritz Streletz, his deputy, and Hans Albrecht, the Suhl district party chief, decried the trial as western "victors' justice", shouted "shame" at the judges and sang the *Internationale*. "This was a political trial from beginning to end," said Egon Krenz, the former leader of East Germany.

Kessler, Streletz and Albrecht were convicted of "inspiring" border guards to shoot at people trying to clamber over the Berlin Wall or cross the minefields to the West. Kessler, 73, was sentenced to seven years and six months — the "six months" was drowned out by spectators' shouts — Streletz to five and a half years, and Albrecht to four and a half years.

All three men are being allowed to serve their sentences at home. Throughout the 20-month investigation period, Albrecht has been allowed to live outside prison for medical reasons. Kessler and Streletz will be required only to report to the police at regular intervals during the notional jail sentences. Judge Hans Boss said this leniency reflected their age and the fact that "they were prisoners of Germany's postwar history and of their political convictions".

He added: "It would have been better if East Germany had tried its own leaders, but German unification came far too early to allow this."

The combination of the jail terms and soft treatment was deemed by lawyers to be a politically, as well as legally, sensitive decision, but to many victims of the regime it left a sour taste. The trial originally began, ten months ago, with three other defendants: Erich Honecker, the former East German leader, Erich Mielke, his Stasi security chief, and Willi Stoph, the former prime minister. However, the suspects fell by the wayside. Herr Mielke was regarded as too ill to face two trials — he is also accused of murdering policemen in pre-war Germany — Herr Stoph had a weak heart and Herr Honecker has terminal liver cancer.

Herr Honecker, 81, who now lives in Chile, was in hospital yesterday but doctors said he would be going home later in the day after checks and routine treatment. He was admitted on Wednesday.

At least 350 people were killed trying to escape from East Germany to the West between 1961 and 1989. The charges against the men concentrated on seven sample cases. Dr Boss said the men were not murderers but they had created the necessary context for guards to shoot at will. "Without their decision, the soldiers would not have shot and the anti-personnel mines would not have been laid." Despite the protests in the court room, Dr Boss emphasised that the trial had not been in any way a political show trial. "It was not a trial of socialism, or of the German Democratic Republic."

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Will they hang him high again?

Ninety years ago a wild west hero was convicted of murder and hanged. **Ben Macintyre** goes to Cheyenne, Wyoming, for Tom Horn's second trial

For 90 years, the unquiet ghost of Tom Horn has stalked the Wyoming prairie around the town of Cheyenne, and on a still night, some townsfolk maintain, you can even hear a clicking rattle as he spins the chamber on his Colt.

This is just one of many myths and superstitions that have grown up around this legendary wild west gunfighter, who was hanged in Cheyenne on November 20, 1903, after a local jury found him guilty of murdering a 14-year-old boy, Willie Nickell. At the time, and ever since, Horn's supporters and relatives maintained he was completely innocent of the crime.

This summer, after a flurry of petitions from Horn's latter-day defenders, the Wyoming Supreme Court ordered another trial, and now Stuart Brown, retired Supreme Court judge, has heard opening arguments in the second, posthumous trial of Tom Horn, and one which shows every indication of being quite as controversial and bizarre as the first.

Tom Horn's defence will be made by Joseph Moch, a Michigan lawyer and part-time Ferrari racer, who claims his long-dead client was convicted on the most meagre evidence and that his confession was coerced. Mr Moch is expected to argue that Willie Nickell was killed by a neighbour, Jimmy Miller, as part of a long-running local feud. He has pledged to petition the state governor for a pardon if Horn is acquitted.

The prosecution, however, insists that Horn was simply a bloodthirsty killer who regarded murder as a vocation, and the defence has already been rattled by rumours that the attorneys representing the state have uncovered new and definitive proof of Horn's guilt.

By his own account, Horn "lived about 15 ordinary lives". Long before his execution at the age of 42, he had acquired a fearsome reputation as a gunfighter. As a tracker during the Indian wars, he played a central role in negotiating the surrender of Geronimo. Later, he became an agent for the Pinkerton's detective agency, tracking down criminals throughout the west. Later still, he signed on with Theodore Roosevelt's "rough riders" and fought in Cuba during the Spanish-American war.

At the time of Willie Nickell's murder, Horn was working as a stock detective for the Wyoming cattle barons, a job that largely involved killing cattle rustlers. Although he may or may not have killed Nickell, Horn was reputed to have killed at least four and perhaps as many as a dozen rustlers, earning a bounty of $600 for each victim, at a time when you could live on an annual income of $200. Horn was a rich man.

Horn would usually send a message to his intended prey warning him to leave the state or face death. If the outlaw failed to pay heed, Horn would track him down, then pick him off with a buffalo rifle or his Winchester. One was killed while eating breakfast, another, an infamous black cowboy named Isom Dart, was shot dead as he emerged from his cabin.

Willie Nickell's body was found just outside Cheyenne on July 18, 1901, with a rock placed beneath his head. Since this was Horn's trade mark, suspicion immediately pointed to the "Prairie Policeman", but it was not until the following year that a United States marshall, Joe Lefors, claimed to have extracted a confession from Horn by getting him hopelessly drunk in a Denver bar.

Horn, a slight, balding man with oddly staring eyes and the drooping moustache favoured by the gun-toting classes, looked little like Steve McQueen, who played him in the film *Tom Horn*. Although he shared the violent and licentious morality that characterised the American frontier in the latter half of the last century, Horn was a man of some learning and much charm, according to contemporaries.

Hardly looking like Steve McQueen, who played him in the eponymous film, Tom Horn, above, "lived by the code of the range"

Americans on both coasts were enthralled by the ensuing trial. Days before his execution, the *Washington Post* reported that locals were taking bets on whether he would be sprung from jail. The cattle barons were deeply unpopular with the Cheyenne settlers, which may explain the speed of Horn's trial, but a number were less than fully convinced of his guilt: some said he had been framed by the wealthy stock owners, while others wondered aloud why a famed gunslinger should choose to kill an unarmed boy.

Horn was lead to the gallows "in complete control of himself" the *Washington Post* reported. But none of the good folk of Cheyenne could be persuaded to perform the execution. "Hurry it up," Horn is reputed to have said, "I got nothing more to say."

Finally, Horn's closest friend, Joe Cahill, slipped the noose over his head.

Two thousand people turned out to watch the hanging. This week comparable swarms of journalists, wild west enthusiasts and members of the Nickell and Horn families have descended on Cheyenne to see Tom Horn tried again.

A lookalike contest has already been held to find the man who will play the accused in the Cheyenne courtroom.

The re-trial of Tom Horn is more than simply a publicity stunt to corral a few more tourists into Cheyenne (although it is plainly that, too) because the case continues to provoke visceral passions. The governor of Wyoming has received more than 40 letters urging him to prevent the trial from going ahead, and the main organiser of the event, Chip Carlson, a western historian, admits "there's been considerable speculation I'm going to get lynched when it's all over".

A verdict is expected late today. But even Mr Moch admits the trial has more symbolic than legal merit. "Exactly what the hell this thing is legally, is an up-in-the-air question," he said before opening arguments.

On the eve of the trial, Dean Krakel, the director of the cowboy hall of fame, sat nursing a beer in the Hitching Post Saloon and expounded his own theory on the case. "The fact is that he was railroaded. The cattle men wanted him to die. He knew too much.

"Tom Horn would ride through town and people would scramble," he added, a wide grin spreading across a face that might have been fashioned out of saddle leather.

In a state where men still carry a pistol in public, Mr Krakel probably spoke for many when he offered this assessment of Tom Horn: "He was no slob, he had a good mind, he was cool and he didn't squeal on anybody. He lived by the code of the range."

More from Bamber Gascoigne's *Encyclopedia of Britain*

Of Eagles, earls and Dirty Den

■ NOTHING if not eclectic, Bamber Gascoigne's new *Encyclopedia of Britain* patrols not only the motorways but also the footpaths of British life. Today's extract, for example, takes in East Anglia and the East End, with a nod *en route* to economics and the Ealing comedies. The letter E follows T, I and M, and the last letter in the series, S, will feature in the Weekend section tomorrow.

■ Readers are invited to compete in the Great British Quiz, based on the book. There are prizes worth £20,000 to be won. The fourth set of questions is given below, right — and all the questions will be repeated tomorrow, when entry details will be given.

Eagle Boys' comic founded in 1950 by Marcus Morris, a clergyman. Its ulterior motive was revealed by the presence of St Paul, whose journey at first occupied the back page, but it sold on the appeal of *Dan Dare and to a lesser extent on the humorous adventures of the incompetent Harris Tweed, Extra Special Agent (a reference to the contemporary character *Dick Barton). In the early years *PC 49 was also a regular. *Eagle* lasted until 1969 and was revived in a different format in 1982.

Ealing comedies Numerous films were made by Ealing Studios (run by Michael *Balcon at Ealing in west London), but the term 'Ealing comedies' is used in particular of a very successful group in the late 1940s. They brilliantly combined anarchy and British eccentricity, as seen in *The *Lavender Hill Mob*, *Whisky Galore*, *Kind Hearts and Coronets* or *Passport to Pimlico*.

Robert Eames (b. 1937) Anglican archbishop of *Armagh since 1986, having previously been bishop of Derry and Raphoe (1975-80) and of Down and Dromore (1980-6). Like his Roman Catholic counterpart, Cardinal *Daly, he was educated in Belfast.

Earl Marshal An officer of state who is head of the *College of Arms and is responsible for all major ceremonial events, such as coronations and royal marriages and funerals. From 1316 the post was held mainly by the earls and dukes of Norfolk, and since 1672 it has been hereditary in their family. By a paradox of history their religion, as Britain's leading Roman Catholic family, made it impossible for them to fulfil their high office until the *Emancipation Act of 1829.

Earl's Court (London SW5) District taking its name from the court held there in the middle ages by the earls of Warwick and Holland, who were lords of the manor. It is best known now for the great exhibition hall, opened in 1937, where events such as the *Boat Show, the *Ideal Home Exhibition and the *Royal Tournament are held.

Eas a'Chùal Aluinn Highest waterfall in the British Isles with a fall of 200m/658ft, at the head of Loch Glencoul in the Highland region of Scotland.

East Anglia Low-lying area of eastern England between the Wash in the north and the Thames estuary in the south, loosely defined but including the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk and parts of Cambridgeshire and Essex. The flat watery landscape of the *Fens and the Norfolk Broads, with vast expanses of sky, has inspired many British painters and in particular Constable. East Anglia was one of the seven *Anglo-Saxon kingdoms, but was overrun by the Danes in the 9C.

East End The area to the east of the old walled city of London, stretching from the Tower of London along the north bank of the Thames. Much of it lies within the modern borough of Tower Hamlets. As the home of the *cockneys, the East End (named in contrast to the *West End) has historically had an image of poverty tempered by great vitality. The London docks, now defunct, were an essential part of the area's economy and the modern *Docklands development will inevitably much alter the district.

EastEnders (BBC from 1985). Twice-weekly soap opera (thrice-weekly from 1993) with which the BBC has challenged the long-established pre-eminence in the ratings of *Coronation Street*. The BBC soap is set in a similar working-class area — a fictional London square (Albert Square in the supposed borough of Walford) rather than a fictional Manchester street — but from the start it made a point of dealing with more controversial issues and allowing more provocative language than *Coronation Street*. Dirty Den, played by Leslie Grantham, has been among the most popular characters, as are Michelle and Pauline Fowler (Susan Tully, Wendy Richard).

'Oh East is East, and West is West, and never the twain shall meet' The opening of *The Ballad of East and West* (1889) by Rudyard *Kipling. The poem is an action-packed tale, with a galloping rhythm, about the Colonel's son riding out after the bandit Kamal, who has stolen the Colonel's favourite mare in the north-west territory of India, near the Khyber Pass. Each man learns to respect the other, allowing the conclusion that there is neither East nor West 'when two strong men stand face to face, though they come from the ends of the earth'.

East Lynne (1861) First novel by Mrs Henry Wood (1814-87), which became the basis of the most popular of all *melodramas on the Victorian stage. The plot concerns a disgraced mother, later disfigured beyond all recognition in a railway accident, who returns secretly home and is employed as governess to her own dying child — making possible the play's most famous line, 'dead, dead, dead! and he never knew me, never called me mother!'.

Eclipse (foaled 1764) Chestnut colt which was the most successful racehorse of the 18c, named because he was foaled during a total eclipse of the sun. He ran 18 recorded races, winning them all (a win/loss record still unbeaten). Three of the first five *Derby winners were sired by him and he is the ancestor of the majority of *thoroughbreds. His skeleton is preserved in the National Horseracing Museum at Newmarket. The Eclipse Stakes, named in his honour in 1886, is run at *Sandown Park.

'economic miracle' A concept believed in by many in Britain in the late 1980s, during the artificial boom presided over by Mrs Thatcher as prime minister and Nigel Lawson as chancellor of the exchequer (he used the phrase during the budget debate in 1988). By the early 1990s, with recession in danger of turning into slump, the two words had retreated within ironic quotation marks.

economical with the truth A phrase which entered everyday language after being used in Australia by Robert Armstrong, then secretary of the cabinet, in his evidence in the **Spycatcher* case. He used it of a letter to the publisher of an earlier but related book, in which he had not mentioned that he already knew its contents (from a proof copy acquired before publication, legitimately but in confidence). The phrase was taken to be his own invention, a euphemism for lying. In fact he was quoting Edmund *Burke who, in one of his *Letters on a Regicide Peace*, argues that there is sometimes genuine need for an 'economy of the truth'. The phrase acquired a new version in 1992 when the former trade minister Alan Clark admitted, during the trial of Matrix Churchill executives for supplying arms to Iraq, that he had advised the company to be 'economical with the *actualité*' when applying for an export licence.

The Eagle: the immaculately drawn exploits of Dan Dare and Harris Tweed delighted generations of schoolboys

* *Asterisks indicate other entries.*

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The Great British Quiz

The fourth set of 20 questions in our five-day quiz. All today's answers have an E flavour and can be found in Bamber Gascoigne's Encyclopedia of Britain

61. Which sculptures were bought by the British government in 1816 for £35,000?
62. Who has Knowledge as his guide and Good Deeds as his chief support?
63. What was won in 1976 with *Save Your Kisses for Me*?
64. Which technique with metal was patented in 1842 by George Elkington?
65. Who created Edward Casaubon, who is working on a *Key to All Mythologies*?
66. Who presented a popular Sunday teatime programme from 1955 to 1972?
67. Which inaccurate phrase derives ultimately from *The Crooked Man*?
68. Who had 53 caps for Wales in an unbroken run of matches?
69. Who made a favourite of Piers Gaveston?
70. Where were a Queen of Beauty and her champions thoroughly drenched in 1839?
71. Which school is happy to sing that "Harrow may be more clever"?
72. In which play does Archie Rice feature?
73. In relation to which controversial topic was Nigel Cox in the news in 1992?
74. Who sculpted *The Rock Drill*?
75. Which ship, named after an antechamber to Hell, sailed to both the Antarctic and the Arctic in the 1840s?
76. Which sister does Edward Ferrars marry?
77. Which great work of reference was first published in 1768-71 by a "Society of Gentlemen in Scotland"?
78. What category of person was defined in 1990 as "Mrs Thatcher's bruiser"?
79. Where was a king penguin chick first successfully hatched in captivity?
80. Which bi-monthly journal has been published since 1980 by the IEA?

● *Keep your answers safe. Full rules of entry will be given tomorrow.*

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Pamela, Lady Harlech on a fashion story that misfired . . . and her mission to reform the English man

'That kind of article should not be written — everybody who's seen it has been ready to kill'

THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW

ANTHONY CRICKMAY

Energetic, outspoken, abrasive . . . Pamela, Lady Harlech complains of quotes "mind-bogglingly beyond belief in pretentiousness"

LOOK what *angst* a frothy fashion feature can cause in the austere 1990s. For those who have missed this story: *The New York Times* ran a colour spread on the throwback-hippy lifestyle of the present Lord and Lady Harlech. They were seen swanning about the garden of their crumbling stately home with children Tallulah and Jasset, in couture clothes — coat by Karl Lagerfeld, $3,500; Christian Lacroix dress, $3,000.

The text, by our former fashion editor Suzy Menkes, aroused fury in the bosom of the expatriate comedienne Tracy Ullman, whose *Class Act*, with Michael Palin, on television last year made such good sport of class pitfalls. Her letter to *The New York Times* said the Harlechs were a bunch of pseuds who "demonstrated the enduring existence of the English class system".

"Miss Ullman had better be careful," noted the *Telegraph* diarist Quentin Letts. "Lady Harlech's formidable stepmother-in-law, Pamela, eats troublemakers for breakfast."

And there things might have rested had not Pamela, Lady Harlech, responded briskly with a witty fax. Miss Ullman need not worry about being fodder for her breakfast, she said. "I never eat those with whom I totally agree."

What would we do without our forthright dowagers?

I found Pamela Harlech (*Who's Who* recreations "music, cooking and laughter") just back from her early-morning exercise class and clad from head to toe in black. Her beehive of hair, I need hardly mention, was immaculate. So I did mention it. "Oh God. Why are people so obsessed with my 'formidable' hair, and so intimidated by it? It rivets me. My hair is my hair. It is very thick, and quite coarse, and I have worn it this way all my life. You don't write about men's hair." (Yes we do: Kenneth Baker, Hezza.) "Well, it's now going silver at the sides, but if I dyed it at my age I really would be the wicked witch of the west. I've thought of having myself photographed on a broomstick," she added, "but that would be asking for trouble."

Pamela Colin, the well-connected daughter of a New York lawyer, made her impact on London as soon as she arrived here as American *Vogue*'s London editor. It was 1964 and London had started to swing. Then she met Lord Harlech, our former ambassador in Washington, whose first wife had been killed in a car crash.

It was the wedding of 1969, at the Grosvenor Chapel in Mayfair. I was there, craning to glimpse Lord Harlech's glamorous American bride, to describe that hair and to report on the guests — Snowdons, Tynans, Harold Macmillan, eccentric Harlech children in their hippy velvet kaftans and boots.

Later, we all hovered outside the reception, turning blue — it was December 11 and absolutely freezing — eventually sending a plaintive message to the bride and groom to please come out. A note in Lord Harlech's hand was borne out by a butler on a silver tray, saying "We are very happy" and better still, a tray of champagne from Lord Snowdon, who had cast us pitying glances through the curtains.

Pamela Harlech still resembles her wedding photograph ("apart from the fuller figure"). Energetic, outspoken, abrasive: the dowager Lady Harlech has become, since her husband's death in 1985, a powerful figure in the arts.

Industriousness has been her salvation. After Lord Harlech died (on the A5 in Shropshire, not as media myth had it, on the road where his first wife had been killed) when tired and driving too fast on a rainy night — "His car skidded across the road, and he was all right, but — and this is why I hate automatic cars — the gear jammed, and another car came round the curve and crashed into him" — she was kept manically busy at first just answering the 500 letters she received.

"But it hit me worst about nine months later. Then Patrick Garland asked me to produce the Queen's 60th birthday gala at Covent Garden and that saved my life. I was back on the trail again." She also did the first Aids benefit, in 1986 with John Schlesinger and Ned Sherrin. "It's what I love doing best. No sense in sitting around saying 'poor me'. That doesn't serve anybody, least of all oneself."

She is chairman of the English National Ballet and the Women's Playhouse Trust; on the board of the South Bank Centre and a trustee of the Victoria & Albert Museum. The recent ructions at the English National Ballet, where two artistic directors walked out after disagreements with her, are now over. "We've got a marvellous artistic director [Derek Deane] who is a pro and works like billy-o, and lots of wonderful new dancers, so the atmosphere there now is terrific. We go forward."

So back to the more frivolous matter in hand. Why the fuss? We all know that glossy fashion-lifestyle features perpetuate a fantasy. And didn't Pamela Harlech run the same kind of thing in *Vogue* in the 1960s?

"Sure we did. I worked with Cecil Beaton and we did features on the beautiful young people, including my stepchildren — Jane Ormsby-Gore was working on *Vogue* herself. But that was the sixties," says Pamela Harlech. "Life has changed. We have Sarajevo, we have a recession, all that stuff going on. One shouldn't throw this pretentious nonsense in people's faces. It just goes against the grain.

"I know they've had money problems and it was unfair of Tracy to ask what did Amanda work as, to be able to afford a $3,000 Lacroix? — in a fashion story you wear what they give you. But I suspect what really upset her was Suzy's text, with quotes which were mind-bogglingly beyond belief in pretentiousness."

The text related how the Harlechs and their Bohemian friends rummage through attics for theatrical velvets, and "damask curtains too fragile to hang but too beautiful to throw out". It tried to summarise, rather effectively I thought, the definably English flavour of "a rich hippy style . . . controlled chaos and careful disorder, set against the background of a historic house with noble ancestry but without a lick of paint".

What made the elder Lady Harlech cry *yuk!* was Amanda Harlech saying that the spirit of her designer friend John Galliano "is here in this house. All the things you are looking at, he has looked at *too*". "That's when I lost my lunch," says Pamela Harlech.

"You see, I really don't think that kind of article should be written any more, about anybody. It's bound to get people's ire up. Everybody I know who's seen it has just been ready to kill. I don't want to get into a family wrangle about this, but in the nineties, with people in the state they're in, that kind of article is very upsetting and out of place. And you can't say you don't know what you're doing, if you dress up like that. It's not a question of the clothes. It's just terribly pretentious — a very sixties piece which has no place in the 1990s."

Amanda Harlech, a former fashion journalist on *Harpers* and *The Sunday Times*, has since been photographed looking tearful in a humble sweater with holes in the elbows, explaining that she and her husband are in desperate straits because of the Harlech death duties. And to be fair, Miss Ullman has issued a statement saying her letter was brutally edited and not intended as personal criticism.

The Harlechs' London house, hidden away behind dark-green shutters like a delapidated old country rectory, is the home Pamela and her husband used to share with her "heavenly" mother-in-law, the late dowager, and is now shared with her daughter, the newly graduated actress Pandora Ormsby-Gore. "It's a name that should be hard to forget," says her mother, "and after all, Helena Bonham-Carter hasn't done too badly, so why not?"

Meanwhile Pamela Harlech has taken up lecturing young men about how to get on with women.

"I give talks on this at Downside, the Catholic school near my house in the country. It started when I met one of the monks at dinner and told him the trouble with English men is that they are brought up not to show their emotions.

"He asked me to come and talk to his upper sixth about it and I said, you bet. I talk absolutely straight to them about their macho attitudes. They love it, because I admit I had a rich and full life before I got married: I was a single girl till I was 34, so I've been around. And why not? I tell them, that's how you find out who you want to spend the rest of your life with. My husband and I laughed all the time and I never regretted leaving it so late.

"It's my hobbyhorse. If I don't do anything in this world my goal is to change the attitude of English men towards women.

"That's why women love gay men so much. They may not want to go to bed with them, but they're entertained by them, and will talk to them. Straight men don't really want to be bothered."

Lady Harlech wrote a warm obituary this week of her good friend, the delightful character actor Harold Innocent, who died last weekend. He called her Odabella, after the heroine in *Attila*.

"I spend my life going to theatre, film, opera, ballet, and Harold was wonderful because he would come with me to anything, especially terrible things. We collected bad musicals. After *Matador*, I was bruised *black and blue* from him nudging me in the ribs. Laughter, and friends — what else matters?"

Good news and secrets always travel fast

Kate Adie is furious that her private happiness has been made public. As a celebrity, is she right to be upset?

LIBBY PURVES

Kate Adie, centre, poses for a school photograph at the age of five in 1951. Forty years later she traced her natural family

KATE ADIE, still composedly reporting from Bosnia in daily peril of her life, is said to have found spare emotional energy to be absolutely *furious* with the press back home. It got hold of the tale of how Ms Adie, after the death of her adoptive mother, took the brave and nerve-racking journey which many adoptive children have made since legislation opened the door for it in 1975.

Circumspectly and correctly, she tracked down her natural family: and at the age of 46 called on a sister she had never met. The newfound family are not pleased at the publicity any more than Ms Adie is, so it serves no purpose to name them or repeat any details. Except to say that, from those we were given, there is no reason to admire Ms Adie or either of her families one jot the less.

Indeed, for the sentimentally inclined, there is a positive glow of Martyn Lewis-style "good news" pleasure in the story. Here is a hard-working, talented, high-principled and well-liked woman, the salt of the earth, finding something which seems likely to add to the sum of her happiness.

Frankly, reading the story before we had any way of knowing how cross she was, a lot of us said "Aaaah!" and felt that bit better about life. Oddly enough, on the same day I met the actress Stephanie Cole, and heard her parallel story of an unsuspected half-sister, a phone call, and a joyful first meeting. These are champagne stories, not least because of the awful fear which must haunt all adoptive children on these hunts: that they are going to find their family and dislike it.

But Kate Adie, even after many months, did not want the story publicised. Any more than another tough and hard-working woman, the Princess Royal, wants to spend the next few months with every camera-lens in the Western world trained on her abdomen trying to detect pregnancy, or to find her Sunday mornings blighted by soupy and highly speculative articles offering impertinent advice to 43-year-old mothers.

It has to be said that even a benevolent going-over by the press can be a bit of an ordeal: journalists know that everybody uses celebrities as templates against which to measure their own family preoccupations, so such reports always extrapolate too far.

AND YOU do not have to have a guilty secret in order to gag at some of them. My husband and I got married in deadly secret, with only eight people in the church, for no better reason than that he was working on *That's Life* at the time and we had a morbid dread of headlines saying "Esther's Boy Weds Radio Girl".

Moreover, in the earliest days of our strictly right-on, equal-opportunities, low-cholesterol marriage, my husband was once interviewed by a women's magazine whose reporter described our house as "cosy" and me, the little wifey, "bustling in smilingly with a plate of home-made cream scones". It was with some difficulty that I was persuaded by my brother, the lawyer, that it would be unwise to sue for this monstrous invention, unless Mr Justice Cockle carrot and twelve red-bearded dwarves were available to add suitable gravitas to the case.

More willing, experienced celebrities merely accept that every publication wants its own prejudices confirmed. They happily dish up Scotch pancakes from the Aga to cosy women's periodicals, serve herbal tea to the girl from *The Guardian* and whip Aran sweaters on the children when *Country Living* wants an at-home feature to coincide with the new book.

They also exert clever portion-control on their gobbets of uplifting personal news. Michael Nicholson of ITN and his wife have handled the account of their adoption of a Bosnian girl with some skill; as for the marital shenanigans of Jilly Cooper, Brent Sadler and others, it does not take a scholarship brain to work out the correlation-by-dates of certain deeply moving personal interviews about their marriages, and the publication of their, or their spouse's, new books. Bully for them, I suppose. If celebrity is an asset, they might as well get the benefit.

BUT IT poses a real problem for honest journalists when well-known people really do try to tick the "no publicity" box for everything concerning their private lives: even the happy things like pregnancies, long-lost families or new springs of love in middle age (a well-known playwright's housekeeper is not too thrilled this week either, I read).

If there is an obvious reason, it is not unknown for the press to be reticent: Dawn French and Lenny Henry successfully kept their adoptive baby a close secret during the probationary period. But it is hard: happy human news has a knack of breaking ranks, spilling out, being passed on by pleased friends or gabby relatives to people in pubs who know journalists. And in times of war and cynicism and violence and urban decay, happy news is too irresistible not to boil over into the public prints.

But there is a consolation. If anything will make Ms Adie less furious with her downmarket colleagues, it will be the fact that she will come home to a flood of kind, well-wishing, affectionate and grateful letters from strangers in the same boat: some of them saying, "You gave me courage to carry on with my own search". Ah, good news: you can't keep it down.

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Philip Howard

■ The mother who cried foul at a wedding is every bride's nightmare

Bad behaviour goes with weddings as the confetti falls. This is not simply that it is a sin to go to a wedding and not get drunk. Those bells can sound more like a nuclear alarm than a peal to celebrate, and the families and friends of the groom on *the decanal side peer at the families and* friends of the bride on the cantoris side as though hostilities were about to break out. There comes the pregnant pause after the awful words of the Prayer Book "If any man can shew any just cause, why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now speak, or else hereafter for ever hold his peace" — especially now that modern convention invites the old flames of both parties to their wedding.

Usually the service proceeds. But fiction recognises the power of that pause on the *brink of a joint leap into the unknown. In The Graduate*, Dustin Hoffman snatched the bride from the closing trap of matrimony, just as brave Lochinvar kidnapped his fair Ellen from her unsatisfactory groom, "a laggard in love and a dastard in war", at the bridal dance, to gallop off into the sunset of a happy ending. In *High Society*, Bing Crosby stepped in at the last minute to save the wedding from disaster.

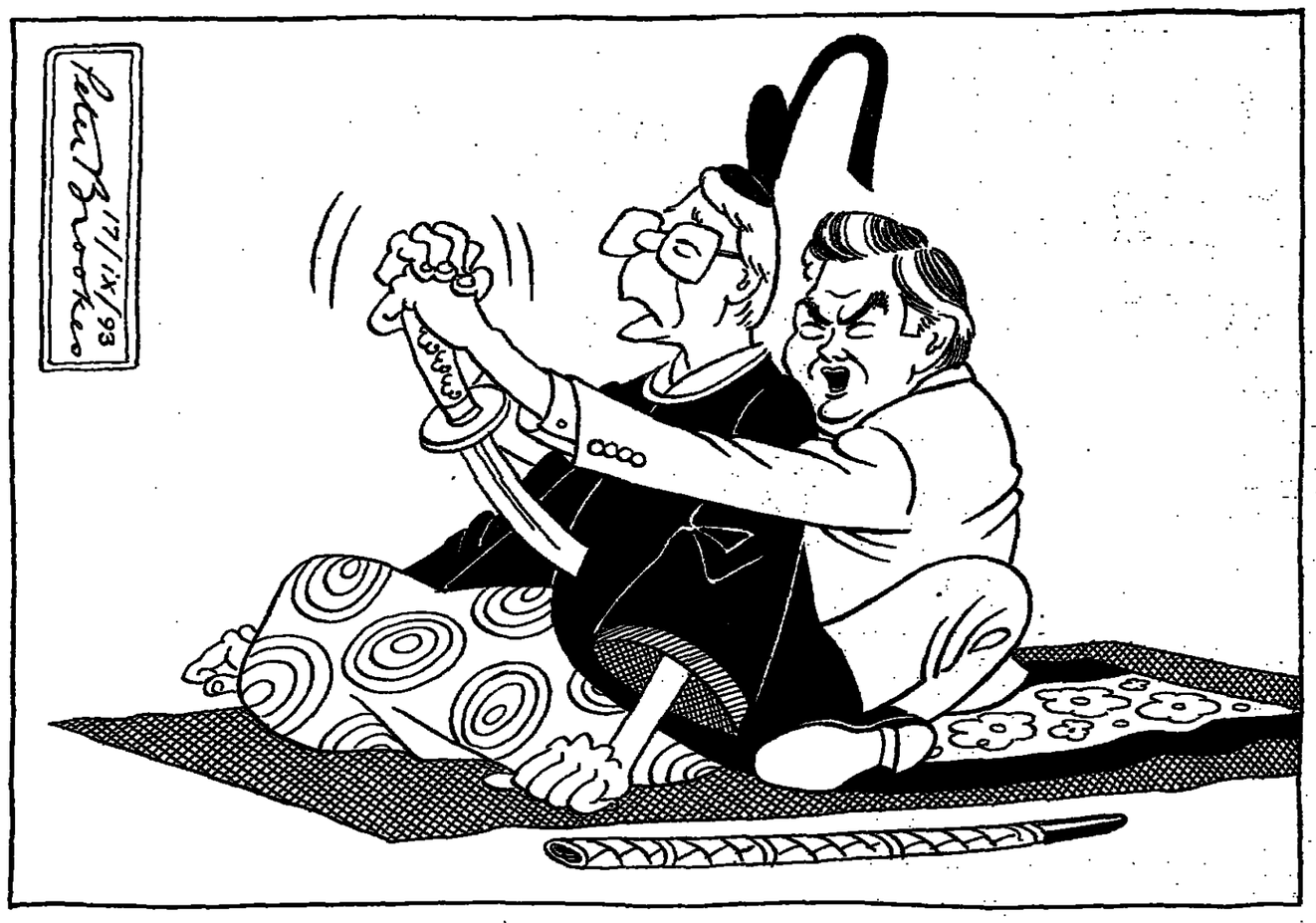
This can happen in real life, but seldom as sensationally as at the wedding of Jason Adams and Andrea Sims in Arnold, Nottingham. *When the vicar asked the congregation* whether it could shew any just cause or impediment, the groom's mother shouted *that the bride was a trollop and not good* enough for her son. When he asked whether the bride, forsaking all other, would keep herself only unto her man, so long as they both should live, she interjected: "That will be the first time." After that, things can only improve for the unhappy couple.

That final step to the altar is fraught with emotion and uncertainty. The bride may well want a big church wedding with bridesmaids and flowers and a grand reception, while all the groom wants to do is break off the engagement. Or vice versa. Bernard Shaw noticed the dangerous oddity of weddings: "When two people are under the influence of the most violent, most insane, most *delusive, and most transient of passions*, they are required to swear that they will remain in that excited, abnormal, and exhausting condition continuously until death do them part."

Tess of the d'Urbervilles was jilted by that hypocrite Angel Clare just before they got to church, but the brother of the first Mrs Rochester arrives from the West Indies and interrupts Jane Eyre's marriage ceremony actually in a heart-stopping scene. Motown sang "It should have been me", the wail of the jilted third party in church down the ages. However, the most terrible scene of misbehaviour at the last fence comes in *Much Ado*, where the Friar uses Cranmer's words of "any inward impediment" 60 years before the final version of the Prayer Book. Claudio publicly jilts and humiliates Hero to swoon*ing and pretended death in over 100 lines of* fierce verse, twice as long as the service.

If you wish to go farther back for archetypal bad behaviour at weddings, you should turn to Hippoclides, son of Tisander of Athens, years before Cranmer's Prayer Book. He was in the act of marrying the daughter of the tyrant of Sicyon, and started dancing at the reception. According to Herodotus, "He danced, probably so as to please himself". He was so carried away that he wound up by standing on his head and waggling his legs in the air. His prospective father-in-law, as conventional as most tyrants, was so displeased that he exclaimed, "Son of Tisander, you have danced away *your marriage*". The bad boy replied, "Hippoclides doesn't give a toss," and carried on waggling his legs.

The final act of matrimony is melodramatic in all cultures, a matter of boats being burnt, terror and wild regrets. Boys and girls are going to carry on doing it in a continual triumph of hope over history. Not many are as dogged as the divorce record-holder, 71-year-old Glynn de Moss, who in December 1978 set out to marry for the 22nd time, exclaiming: "This could be true love at long last." But the Adams wedding has done its *bit to increase the melodrama and hair*bristling of that last pregnant pause.



MR. MAJOR PREPARES FOR HIS VISIT TO JAPAN

China's new Stalinism

The Chinese seem determined to swamp the Tibetan nation by introducing huge numbers of their own people

Bernard Levin

I have to return to the agonising story of Tibet, the wonderful land which *because* it is wonderful must be destroyed, and is even now suffering more than one form of destruction.

Reliable information from Tibet is, as you may imagine, difficult to come by. All the more heroic is the achievement of those Tibetans and their Chinese sympathisers who have managed not only to find the truth but have snatched it from the heart of darkness. And the metaphor *is apt: we now have evidence from inside* a Chinese Communist party meeting of a very high order: the highest body in the party dealing with Tibet. So secret was the gathering and the discussion that although it had been convened some 500 strong, a decision was made to cut the numbers, and in the end there were only 80 members in the group.

The first items on the agenda concerned some notable failures. It seems that Archbishop Tutu had been wooed; the wooers failed to win him over (I should think so), and in the classic form of communist self-chastisement they accepted that the failure was a "major blunder". Nor was that all; the participants agreed that not only Archbishop Tutu but all the member states of the EC *have been lost to China.* (Again, I should think so.) Nothing daunted, they then decided to find more sympathetic ears in the "developing countries of Asia and Africa". In addition, it was agreed that China "must try as hard as possible to escape censure in human rights meetings and bodies". (Yet again, I should think so.) But now I must quote from the matter garnered from the party conference. The theme is not a new one, but coming reinforced from so powerful a body, it must mean what it says:

> In order to counter the growing resistance inside Tibet against the Chinese occupation, the meeting decided to "transfer" *large numbers of Chinese settlers into* Tibet with the aim of making it demographically "impossible for Tibetans to rise, as is the case in Inner Mongolia and Xinjiang". Further measures adopted to undermine the growing Tibetan movement in exile include the decision to "manipulate" renowned international figures and religious personages in Tibet for propaganda purposes, [thus] "breaking the unity" of the Tibetan community in exile . . .

Apart from guessing which three of our British bishops will be the first to fill *the position of manipulated religious* personages, we can leave the last section of what is promised and concentrate on *the first part. For that is the threat that* Tibetans inside the country and in exile must fear the most: that in Tibet they *will be swamped by the Chinese*, whose teeming millions could put in a dozen Chinese to every Tibetan. And if this comes to pass, Tibet will not survive, either inside or outside the country. It is not with irony that the Tibetans' terrible fate has been called "cultural genocide".

The world looks on, and wags a finger. There was a debate in the UN sub-commission on human rights at which Tibet and its fate were much discussed — and that is about all Tibet got out *of the proceedings.* For once, Britain was to the fore in condemning China *vis-à-vis* Tibet: our delegate, Mrs Claire Palley, revealed that the Chinese ambassador to the UN "had exercised inadmissible pressure on the sub-commission members, and violated their independence". Mrs Palley went further, and told the delegates that the Chinese effort to stifle the debate included direct threats; the chairman had to stop the Chinese ambassador using insulting language about Mrs Palley. And no conclusions were reached. The debate was stifled by turning it into a motion of non-action, so there was no vote, and thus no condemnation.

And nothing much else, either, to *judge by the EC's ringing declaration:*

> The Community and its member states . . . express their disquiet at the general human rights situation of the Tibetan people, and urge the Chinese authorities to ensure that these rights are fully respected.

Meanwhile, the people of Tibet were suffering more painfully than anything to do with UN resolutions. Take, for instance, a Tibetan woman named Damchoe, who was arrested on suspicion of being involved in the indepen*dence movement. She was five months* pregnant, and because she refused to reveal the names of Tibetan underground activists, *the Chinese police* forced her to stand for more than 12 hours (another source says that in *addition she had been denied sleep for* 48 hours), and she miscarried. As I recall, the Nazis played that trick on Jewish women who were pregnant, not to gain information but for sport.

A few months ago, there was a visit to Tibet by the EC ambassadors to Peking; part of their remit was to enquire into the treatment and prospects of the Tibetans. When I say that the EC rapporteur's description of the auspices under which the ambassadors travelled *brought vividly to* mind those solemn groups who went to see Stalin, I am not exaggerating. Here, for instance, is a paragraph from the report:

> The mission was planned in cooperation *with the Chinese ministry of foreign* affairs and the authorities of the Tibet autonomous region in Lhasa. An extensive programme was drawn up in response to requests put forward by the embassies. The programme included meetings with the Vice-Governor of the Tibet autonomous region . . . and the commissions for foreign trade and economic cooperation, planning and development, health, education and nationalities and religious affairs. Meetings were also held with the People's Supreme Court and the security and justice departments.

All it needed to make the parallels with Stalin positively uncanny was the request that the ambassadors made to the Chinese authorities, and the answer to the plea: "Requests by the delegation to visit a 'Reform through Labour' camp and either the Garu or the Shungsep Convent, were turned down."

But then it turned serious. As recorded in a letter to *The Times* from the London office of Tibet, the delegation discovered that two Tibetan men had been arrested just before the ambassa*dors arrived. They are Genden Rinchen* and Lobsang Yonten, and they face a death sentence.

What had they done to deserve such retribution? Murdered a high Chinese official? Sabotaged a factory? Recruited a gang of thugs to intimidate peaceful people? No; they had planned to present a petition to the visiting dignitaries, no doubt describing the true life of Tibetans under Chinese rule, and thus are charged with "stealing state secrets". A state *secret in China is anything the Chinese* authorities say it is, but in this case we can be more precise; the two men in the *shadow of the gallows are there because* they had been collecting lists of Tibetans who had been imprisoned for taking part in pro-independence demonstrations. (It is worth pausing for a moment to digest a little-known fact about Chinese law: of all Chinese who are charged with a crime, — just charged — 98 per cent are subsequently convicted.)

It is unlikely that Genden Rinchen and Lobsang Yonten will be executed, particularly if the pressure from outside is kept up. But the definition of a state secret in China being what it is, they could be imprisoned for life. In April, a Peking journalist was "tried" for steal*ing state secrets (the nature of the* contents was never revealed), and sentenced to 20 years imprisonment.

Through all this, one question dogs me. Why do the Chinese authorities expend so much time, effort, money, security, arms, anger and hatred on a province that can give them nothing but trouble? Why not abandon it, particularly when Tibetans are sworn against violence of any kind, so that the Chinese troops evacuating Tibet would not even fear ambush as they retreated?

It will not happen. But I fear the terrible fate which Tibet faces, of being extinguished not by slaughter but by something more insidious: the over*whelming of the nation by aliens in co*lossal numbers, numbers that in a generation or two will have diluted Tibet's integrity, and in another generation or two will have so swamped the remaining Tibetans that they will be almost invisible and entirely indistinguishable.

There is little we can do, though we can do a great deal more than the EC ambassadors in their feebleness and willingness to believe practically anything they are told. At the very least, we can keep the names and fates of Genden *Rinchen* and Lobsang Yonten in the light of truth, honour, peaceableness and love of country.

A minister on the rebound

Peter Riddell on where Norman Lamont goes next

Norman Lamont has always been fascinated by Michael Heseltine. As minister for defence procurement in 1985 and 1986, he observed the unfolding of the Westland crisis from close quarters, correctly predicting that Mr Heseltine was sitting on a branch cutting himself off from the tree, and then that his fall would not be the end of the affair. Now, Mr Heseltine's stint of nearly five years on the backbenches serves as a guide, and a warning, as to what he *should do.*

Former Tory ministers usually face obscurity — or the House of Lords, *which amounts to the same.* Even those most discontented, like Francis Pym or Ian Gilmour in the mid-1980s, were easily sidelined by the whips. The only prominent exceptions have been Norman Tebbit, who left office voluntarily, and Mr Heseltine, who is the only one to have returned to high office since 1979.

The dilemma for what John Major has politely called the dispossessed, and less politely the bastards, is the balance between dissent and loyalty. The Tory party likes to pretend it is *united, even when it is not, and dislikes* those who publicly rock the boat. At the end of the Westland affair, when it was clear that Mrs Thatcher was going to survive, Mr Heseltine ostentatiously called in the Commons for an end to arguments in the spirit of party unity — only to be vividly criticised by Michael Foot for re-ratting. Mr Heseltine thereafter avoided any mention of Westland, and instead put forward his own programme on industry, the inner cities and Europe. The details did not matter, and many were forgotten when he returned to office in November 1990. What mattered was that he seemed to offer a positive alternative to the Thatcher regime.

That is Mr Lamont's predicament *now. As his article in The Times* yesterday showed, he is determined to remain a political heavyweight. He was surprised and hurt at his removal from the Treasury nearly four months ago. He is disillusioned with John Major, and the feelings are reciprocated. Ignoring the advice of friends, he delivered a bitter resignation statement, remarking memorably that the government gave the appearance of being "in office, but not in power". Mr Lamont is still only 51, and believes he has a long-term future in politics. He wants to return to office. That constrains what he says and does.

As well as providing a welcome boost to his income, his decision *to resume his involvement with* Rothschilds is intended as a adjunct to his political ambitions — like his speeches and articles for the press — rather than the start of a new career. He also has to find a new parliamentary constituency, since his existing seat at Kingston-upon-Thames will disappear in the forthcoming boundary changes. In theory, that should not be too difficult for a former chancellor, but Conservative Central Office is unlikely to be helpful, and local parties may be wary of someone seen as disloyal.

His immediate news value is in danger of conflicting with his ambitions. Mr Lamont attracts headlines now because of his criticisms of Mr Major, not because of his thoughts about monetary union. He is seen as the man in the position to spill the beans because of his close involvement in the decisions *over the exchange-rate mechanism. That* will be the main interest of his proposed memoirs, which he is keen to complete quickly. The more critical he is, though, the more he appears as disloyal, "a loose cannon on the backbenches", in the words of Sir Marcus Fox, chairman of the 1922 committee and a weathervane of the views of MPs. There are already mutterings from Downing Street about whether Mr Lamont really offered to resign after sterling was forced out of the ERM.

Mr Lamont is in a weaker position than Mr Heseltine was in January 1986. He is still hampered by his record as chancellor. He does not think he made any significant mistakes. Having inherited the recession, his first priority was to cut inflation, which was duly achieved thanks to membership of the ERM. He sees the beginnings of economic recovery this year as his vindication. But *however reasonable, that is far from* being a universal view, either with the public or with other Tory MPs.

Moreover, his own position in the party is ambiguous. He defends Britain's membership of the ERM, however much he now disputes the motives of his cabinet colleagues at the time. So, in spite of his desire to distance Britain from any involvement with a single currency, the Euro-sceptics remain wary. He is still implicated in the events of 1990-93.

He has to manage the tricky act of distancing himself from the Major government over, for example, public spending and taxation, while not appearing too rebellious. Mr Lamont has to show that he can do more than wound. But he lacks Mr Heseltine's theatrical talents for finessing such conflicts. Above all, he needs to look like a figure with a future rather than just a past, and to start putting forward his own policies.

He has certainly damaged Mr Major, and may do so again. But he could also hurt himself in the process. He is unlikely to return to office until Mr Major quits. But he is unlikely to be his successor. Like Mr Heseltine, he may discover both the frustrations and limitations of being a former minister.

League for reform?

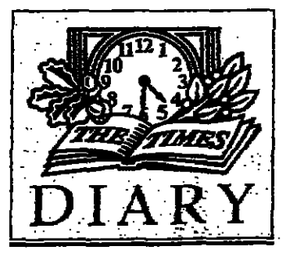
HOT on the heels of the disclosure here that several Tories are planning to infiltrate next week's Liberal Democrat conference (dubbed the fourth columnists, as they're all masquerading as accredited journalists) comes news of a potential defection at the very highest level. Michael Howard is going to Torquay.

Adopting his conventional disguise of home secretary, Howard is due to address the massed ranks of the Police Superintendents' Association, whose annual conference is also being held on the English Riviera next week. But with a distinctly rough ride in prospect — Sheehy, the criminal *justice act, public sector pay* to name but three — Howard could be forgiven for seeking sanctuary *with the Lib Dems.*

Chief Superintendent David Clark, assistant secretary of the PSA, is surprisingly tactful for a man whose rank would be abolished under the Sheehy proposals. "I don't think the home secretary will receive a rough ride, because superintendents don't give people a rough ride. But he will receive some sharp questions."

The Lib Dems are determined to capitalise on Howard's visit. Not only is Robert Maclennan, their home affairs spokesman, addressing the police conference, but Paddy Ashdown is meeting the superintendents' president as well. Maclennan, having won a standing ovation from 11,000 police officers at a mass protest against the Sheehy report in July, could be a tough act to follow; but he predicts a polite reception for Howard. "I would expect them to receive him with attention, and even more attention if he drops the proposals," he says, before adding a well-aimed after-thought: "He would be wise to distance himself from them entirely."

● *This is turning into Lord Weidenfeld's week. On Monday the publisher celebrated his 74th birthday and toasted the Middle East settlement. Yesterday he signed Shimon Peres. Israel's foreign minister and former prime minister to write his autobiography, to be published next year. According to publishing director Ion Trewin, Weidenfeld "has been in touch with Peres for some time. The book will be big news — Peres will give his account of how everything happened." Fixing the title, however, will have to wait: "Because it is the Jewish New Year we can't ask him until next week."*



Bounders

NORMAN LAMONT's fightback *continues. After his attack on the* prime minister comes word of a rearguard action in his constituency, Kingston upon Thames, which is likely to disappear under the Boundary Commission proposals. The local council and the Conservative association are both to appeal at an enquiry in December.

Both feel that dividing Kingston between the Richmond seat of Jeremy Hanley, the defence minister, and the Surbiton seat of Richard Tracey, will damage the town. Andrew Bessant from Kingston council says: "Kingston is an identifiable place which cannot be split in half."

The bad news for Lamont is that while local Tories also oppose the change, they are not doing it to save their MP's skin. Jeff Reardon, chairman of the Kingston Conservative Association, says: "Norman Lamont will come and Norman Lamont will go — we are doing *this for Kingston.*"

Worse news for Lamont, who first won the seat in 1972, is that the Boundary Commission seems entrenched. A spokesman says: "Their arguments will have to be fairly substantial to sway the commission's view. They have a chance, but if I were a betting man I would not put money on it."

Green pounds

WHO SAID scientists don't earn serious money? Ghillean Prance, director of Kew Gardens, flies to Japan next month to pick up botany's richest-ever prize: 40 million yen (£250,000). This is the first annual prize given by the International Cosmos Prize Committee, a body set up with profits from the 1990 Expo in Osaka.

Prance, who will be presented with the award by Japan's Crown Prince, says he is "delighted and surprised". He knew of the award because he had been sent a form to nominate a of winner, but ironically he was so busy he never got round to filling it in.

Prance, 56, who was awarded the prize for his work in the South American rainforests, will use the money to spend more time in the rainforest when he retires from *Kew in four years' time.* "I intend to use it to do scientific work. It is wonderful. I can get on with my work without having to worry about getting work as a consultant to support myself."

Furnishing royalties

THE writing career of Lord Linley, the royal family's carpenter-turned-author, is to continue. At the launch of *Classical Furniture* at Sotheby's on Wednesday evening, Linley said that he was calling it his *first* book, "a little hint of more to come".

Publisher Colin Webb, managing director of Pavilion Books, is a little more forthcoming. "I would like to see him moving into something more related to his craft, something more practical." However, those expecting the David Linley DIY manual are likely to be disappointed.

Lord Snowdon, himself author of many books, cast a professional eye over his son's work and pronounced it "a good, solid, scholarly book. It's more than a coffee-table book; it's a reference book." But there is one disappointment for both author and prospective purchasers of the £35-a-copy book. Serena Stanhope will not be joining her fiancé on his book-signing and lecture tour. Well, with less than a month to go until the big day, a girl's got things to do.

● *The* Harpers & Queen *celebration of all that is British in its latest issue has raised a few eyebrows. For along with Darcey Bussell, Damon Hill and Lady Thatcher is a pyramid of fashionably gamine and fashionably unclothed young women, captioned "as British as a girls' boarding school". Editor Vicki Woods, however, flatly refutes suggestions that the picture is at all pornographic. "They're not schoolgirls, they're working models, and as such they have the currently fashionable look." Woods suggests that any sensitive souls offended by the picture should turn to the contents page, where the girls repeat the pose clad in distinctly puritan vests and knickers. "They look absolutely sweet."*

THE BELL TOLLS ON

Do Conservatives have the will for a leadership challenge?

Throughout the Conservative Party the dead bell sounds. Somebody is done for. Probably it is the prime minister; possibly a larger group of men. A nostalgia for leadership is everywhere apparent; and nowhere easy to assuage. Despite Mr Major's attempts to avoid a challenge to his position this autumn, the message from the country rings muffled but firm against him.

The muffled nature of the criticism reflects all the familiar Tory virtues — decency, loyalty and due proportion. The strength of the dissent represents the sense that the party needs direction through a dangerous landscape and that Mr Major has sunk too low to provide it. Although no one could criticise Mr Major's dignified response yesterday to the latest attack upon him by Tory colleagues, responses such as "sad and disingenuous" are not enough. They do not cover even this new autumn damage from Mr Lamont, still less the summer damage from whipping, bullying and by-elections that remains fresh in so many memories.

The need to avoid a leadership challenge when parliament returns is now central to Mr Major's concerns. Yesterday he called the threat a "silly season story which, I think, will prove to be silly". He is deploying all his weapons to ensure that his party conference is at least respectful to him. If he cannot inspire enthusiasm (and he cannot) he may at least, by means of constituency visits, reinforce that traditional Tory fealty to whomever is in power at the time. If he can bring the Olympics to Manchester, keep *News at Ten* at ten, save the life of little Irma and help a handful of students learn better Japanese in Tokyo with him this week, his chances will seem a little stronger. No small stone will be left unturned.

Unfortunately for Mr Major, many Conservatives are now looking at the big stones. They want purpose, ideas and political competence, attributes that the prime minister possesses in poor measure. There is much healthy talk of the differing philosophies offered by Kenneth Clarke, Michael Portillo and Michael Howard. All those men have clarified their very different visions in recent weeks. Such divided ideas will not of themselves topple Mr Major. But the need for change unites many who are disunited in other respects. Some commentators may believe that "politics has ended" and that dull technocrats will suffice for the new age of weak states and global interdependence. But most conservatives are made of more sceptical stuff. Leadership and democracy remain intertwined.

Few want Lady Thatcher back. Those few who do want a restoration are their own worst enemies and the best friends of the status quo; but those who read Mr Portillo's speech on Wednesday night (an extract is printed on page 8 today), will find an elegant statement that should satisfy them. "The more we spend as a state, the less we shall have to spend; because more public spending means more tax, and more tax means less economic activity". Who last expressed herself so well?

Some disillusioned Tories think that the time is not yet ripe for a leadership election. For there to be a true "stalking horse" candidate, there needs to be not only a foolhardy figure who will risk his political life for another, there needs to be the serious candidate himself, one of those inside the cabinet, who will stalk behind the horse and pull the trigger. There also need to be 34 Tory MPs prepared to call anonymously for an election and to risk that their names may not remain anonymous. The necessary individual wills may not yet be there. But it has become as clear in the new political season as it was in the old: the dead bell will toll until it takes its toll.

AUSTRALIA'S CHOICE

Mr Keating deserves a warm welcome, whatever his message

Although half a world away, Australia's links with Britain have always been extraordinarily close. The two countries share ties of blood, history, language and values. They fought together in two world wars, with the Australians making greater proportional sacrifices — at Gallipoli, in Burma and New Guinea — than any other dominion. They share a passionate devotion to cricket. More than 70 per cent of all Australians can still trace their ancestry directly back to Britain, and one in 35 of the population still visits Britain every year.

Commonwealth preference has been replaced with an economic partnership that is even more striking: Britain is still the largest overseas investor in Australia as a percentage of gross national product and Australia is the fourth largest investor in Britain, beating Japan. Mr Keating therefore arrives today in a country with which he shares a heritage closer than that linking almost any other two nations in the English-speaking world.

Yet his visit will focus on a relationship that goes to the heart of both nations and threatens to become increasingly controversial. He is here to tell the Queen that he, and many of his countrymen, believe she should not remain Australia's head of state. His visit has been portrayed both in Britain and in Australia as evidence of a sharp deterioration in bilateral relations, the first stage of a messy divorce and the petulant reaction of a country that has tired of its absentee monarch, and is obsessed about a "cultural cringe" to a fading and patronising European power.

Such a judgement is not only wrong but pernicious. If Australians decided to choose republicanism, their purpose should not be to loosen its ties to Britain, but to liberate and strengthen them. The republicans argue that an Australian head of state would symbolise the country's new multi-ethnic maturity, its transformation from an ethnic and cultural appendage of Europe to a regional power in Asia. The monarchists maintain that a new office of president raises serious questions about the division of political power, that it removes essential contraints on the executive and that it unnecessarily jettisons a link that sums up Australia's history and heritage.

This passionate debate in Australia on the country's constitutional future is, and must remain, an Australian debate. Already there is a danger that this debate will infect the fabric of relations with Britain, with prejudice alighting on the secondary symbols and gestures: Australia's flag, its anthem and honours system, Mr Keating's purported lèse-majesté in putting his arm round the Queen.

Australia holds a place in the royal family's affections: the Queen's late uncle, the Duke of Gloucester, was governor-general and the Prince of Wales went to school in Australia. Mr Keating should not expect a frosty reception at Balmoral, despite the unnecessary drama of having to fly to Scotland to make his case. The Queen, from all reports, wants nothing more than to serve all members of the Commonwealth in whichever way they believe appropriate.

Nor should Mr Keating encounter ill-will in his discussions in London if he is careful not to let any vestigial emotion from an Irish "pom-bashing" background colour his argument. He must win the debate about Australia's future with his own countrymen. The debate is no reflection on the way the Queen has discharged her duties in Australia for 40 years, nor on 200 years of friendship with Britain. Republic or monarchy, Australia will still command respect, affectionate sporting rivalry and friendship in this country.

BEACHES AND BULLETS

Tourist murders are horrifying, but the real danger is tiny

Each time a Western tourist is killed in Florida — and there have been nine such murders in the past year — between 20 and 30 per cent of travellers cancel their holidays there. However spine-chilling the accounts of such killings, these people can hardly be said to be acting rationally. This year, 42 million visitors will visit Florida, so the chances of being murdered there while on holiday are about one in five million.

Travel can be dangerous. But the risks of illness and accident far exceed that of homicide. Out of 31.5 million Britons who went abroad last year, only 1,261 died there. Most of the deaths were from natural causes or accidents; there were only about ten cases of murder. A tourist going to Florida is far more likely to end up in hospital with sunburn than with injuries from a mugging.

Why then this over-reaction? People are always shocked by mishaps during holidays which are supposed to be a happy escape from the cares of everyday life. Violence is particularly disturbing in a place like Florida, which for many people hardly feels like "abroad". The natives speak English, and a sanitised cosmopolitan culture is epitomised by Disney World.

British tourists to America are often surprised to discover a culture of violence below such a civilised surface. The superficially charming New Orleans, for example, has the second highest murder rate per capita of any American city. Washington DC saw 453 killings last year, making it the murder capital of the US. One of them, apparently motiveless, was of an elderly British man who had the misfortune to leave the bright and clean subway system at a dangerous stop barely a mile from the White House.

Robbery is common in European countries too. Several holidaymakers this year were hijacked by gangs on French motorways. In Spain, Portugal and France, thieves break into cars while families are on the beach or shopping. But it is the widespread possession of guns in America that turns an irritating loss of belongings, which can be reimbursed by an insurance company, into a terrifying threat to life. The fear of violence then takes an unreasonable hold on people planning their holiday from the relative calm of a British home.

Yet Britons are proud of their stoicism in the face of terrorist threats. IRA bombs fail to deter them from their Christmas shopping. Americans who were too scared to fly to Europe after the bombing of Tripoli and during the Gulf war were widely ridiculed. Those Britons who are worried about going to Florida should indeed heed the latest Foreign Office advice to ensure that they have a safe holiday. But to avoid injury, the most sensible precaution they can take is to pack a high-protection sun cream.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Arts concern for future of Radio 4

From Mr Alan Ayckbourn and others

Sir, We write to convey our concern about the BBC's plans to remove *Radio 4 from the long wave frequency*. Radio 4 on long wave can be received easily by a large proportion of the British and European population and presents a good cross-section of British life and culture.

To remove it from its long-wave frequency would not only be a loss to listeners, both domestically and in northern Europe; it would also be a disaster in terms of cultural diplomacy. Audible in Scandinavia and at least as far south as Lyon, it could hardly be a better cultural visiting card for Britain in Europe.

Publicity through programmes such as *Kaleidoscope*, in which you can actually hear parts of the production, is far more effective than a newspaper article. Thousands of listeners in Great Britain and Europe depend on Radio 4 to inform them when they are planning a visit to the latest opera production or theatre production and the latest art exhibition.

The planned transmission of Radio 4 on Astra satellite will certainly be helpful, but only as an *additional* service. The cost of the equipment is simply too high for many; south-west Ireland is not covered by the Astra satellite and satellite dishes are not allowed in parts of certain historic cities on the Continent such as Amsterdam.

For Great Britain, with its trade-dependent economy, and for the BBC to pretend that the rest of the world does not exist is a very short road to nowhere. We strongly urge the BBC to reconsider its decision and to keep Radio 4 on long wave.

Yours sincerely,
ALAN AYCKBOURN, DAVID BAILEY,
ALAN BORG, PETER BROOK,
ANITA BROOKNER,
NICHOLAS BYAM SHAW,
SIMON CALLOW, CARMEN CALLIL,
IAN CHAPMAN, GEORGE CHRISTIE,
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HARRIET WALTER,
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Studio 15, 9 Orme Court, W2.
September 16.

From Mr Iain C. Baillie

Sir, As a "news addict" I reject Janet Daley's favouring of a so-called news channel to take over from Radio 4 on long wave ("The campaign against an all-day radio news service has got its wirelesses crossed", September 9). Only a tiny proportion of the population acts or needs to act on rapidly changing news on an hourly basis and they have access to better sources than the radio.

Radio 4, however, while providing all the news bulletins and news background programmes that most of us require, is a balanced station which meets the far wider needs of a much broader population, particularly those who are housebound.

I submit that the only two statistics quoted by Ms Daley are quite meaningless. The fact that a MORI poll has indicated that "only 18 per cent of the public would miss Radio 4 *if it disappeared altogether*" (Ms Daley's italics) is scarcely convincing; and the fact that 21 per cent "actually wanted a dedicated news channel" ignores the probability that a large percentage of that 21 per cent are more akin to elderly babysitters than people really interested in "news".

The question is whether we want a simple background noise called "news" or, as in the case of Radio 4, a channel to which people *listen* to what is being broadcast. I suggest that those who support Radio 4 are in fact more radio-wise and audience-wise *than Ms Daley.*

Yours faithfully,
IAIN C. BAILLIE,
20 Chester Street, SW1.
September 10.

Women in the saddle

From the Clerk to the Saddlers' Company

Sir, In an article, "Most worshipful guilds of men" (Law, August 24), Richard Percival, a barrister, asked, "is the exclusion of women from such [livery] companies as Pewterers or Saddlers legal?" The names of women appear in the membership rolls of the Saddlers' Company from the 14th century onwards. The present membership totals 210, of whom 51 — including the Princess Royal — are women.

I suspect that this compares very favourably with the ratio between the sexes of those practising at the Bar — or even in journalism.

Yours faithfully,
KINGSLEY OLIVER,
Clerk,
The Worshipful Company
of Saddlers,
Saddlers' Hall,
Gutter Lane, Cheapside, EC2.
September 7.

Aid responsibilities to Third World

From the Bishop of Southwark

Sir, In the midst of the current debate about public-sector pay and the strength or otherwise of the economic recovery, there is a danger that we shall forget our wider responsibilities. Britain announced plans to freeze the overseas aid budget last year, resulting in a cut in real terms (Mrs Glenys Kinnock's letter, September 14). The indications are that further cuts are on their way.

This has so alarmed aid agency directors that they sought a meeting with Baroness Chalker yesterday. She was apparently sympathetic but unable to reassure them. Sympathy is not enough. Whatever happens, without more aid the prospects for the poorest countries, especially in Africa, are bleak.

In June the prime minister stated that any changes to public spending would be measured against two criteria: are they fair and are vulnerable people protected? How does that statement square with plans which are already in place, effectively cutting Britain's levels of foreign aid down to their lowest recorded figure and strong hints of worse to come?

In a world where 34,000 young children die each day of malnutrition and disease, surely it is incumbent upon more fortunate nations to come to their aid. We are told Britain's economy is recovering and yet we are still prepared to accept that our aid to the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters is just 26 pence for every £100 of national income — and that that figure may drop even lower.

The United Nations has set member states an aid target of 0.7 per cent of GNP: the prime minister has publicly committed his government to move towards that target, but decisions already taken and plans being revealed now indicate a retreat in the opposite direction, with aid in 1994-5 representing just 0.26 per cent of GNP.

It is not simply a matter of the amount of Britain's aid, either. Questions of quality must be a cause of concern. The diversion of essential funds from long-term developments to high-profile emergencies will not help to build the stable and prosperous global economy which is in Britain's best interests.

Add to these concerns the damage being done to Britain's international standing by current moves and an overwhelming case is built for a rapid return to the government's stated aims.

Yours faithfully,
†TROY SOUTHWARK,
Bishop's House,
38 Tooting Bec Gardens,
Streatham, SW16.
September 15.

From Mr Marc Gordon

Sir, Glenys Kinnock's appeal on behalf of One World Action for the UK government to increase its overseas aid budget typifies the "more, more, more" school of thought which has proved so counter-productive in development matters.

If Western banks and governments had not, because of post-colonial guilt, been pressurised into lending more to the newly independent African states during the 1960s we would not have the debt crisis Mrs Kinnock is so keen to remind us of. The economic madness that created today's poverty and starvation across what should be a rich region (sub-Saharan Africa) is man-made.

The West does have an important role in encouraging sustainable development. It is in the interests of both the North, whose markets are overcongested, and the South that new and prosperous markets should be developed.

Debt cancellation in exchange for environmental preservation produces benefits for the investors and the recipient nations.

The creation of a massive South-North dependency culture assists no one, apart perhaps from easing the consciences of the chattering classes.

Yours faithfully,
MARC GORDON,
Hillview Cottage, 3 Granby Lane,
Plungar, Leicestershire.
September 15.

From Mr John Ashworth

Sir, For those of us who have worked in developing countries, in my case as a public health engineer, Mrs Kinnock proposes the wrong solution. Aid investment in infrastructure, hospitals and agriculture has not seen the improvement of countries such as Tanzania or Somalia.

Too often equipment is stolen to subsidise poor salaries. Maintenance is rarely effective outside the contract period. The British government continues to support such projects as a way of boosting British industry. That may help us but is frequently of limited benefit to Third World countries.

Government aid to developing countries should be in two parts: humanitarian, to relieve suffering due to disasters, and secondly, as supported by Mrs Kinnock, educational. Only by helping people to help themselves and build their own infrastructure and hospitals will there be a long-term political and social improvement.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN ASHWORTH,
Upper Siddington House,
Cirencester,
Gloucestershire.
September 15.

Media and ministers

From Sir Peregrine Rhodes

Sir, As one of those present at Douglas Hurd's speech to the Travellers' Club on September 9 I was interested in the comments in your leader of September 11, "At war with the media".

It would be wrong to imply, as does your penultimate paragraph, that Mr Hurd in any way underestimated or complained at the significance of the role played by the media as "part of the political process". Indeed, he emphasised the importance of that role.

A main point of his speech was to draw attention to the importance now given by politicians, and increasingly civil servants, to the need to explain government policies to the media as well as to Parliament. He also paid tribute to the courage and accuracy of those reporting, often in great personal danger, on major events and crises such as Bosnia.

In that context Mr Hurd suggested, as your leader accepts, that one should not lose sight of the difference between the respective roles of the media and of those responsible for government action. He made no reference to the press having its own agenda.

It is surely inevitable, however, that concentration by the media, and especially television, on one crisis is bound to cause at least some of the viewers, readers or listeners to conclude that that crisis is the most important and therefore the one about which "something must be done". There is occasionally a need not to turn the cameras off, but rather to turn them in a different direction.

That is how I interpreted Douglas Hurd's words and I did not hear anything about the "luxury", as you describe it, of secret diplomacy being nearly over.

Yours sincerely,
PERRY RHODES,
Pond House,
Thorpe Morieux,
Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.
September 11.

From Mr John Norris

Sir, I have recently returned from Mostar, where I was helping colleagues to deliver aid material donated by people in Devon.

I was firmly given to understand by many of those with whom I spoke, both in Bosnia and Croatia, that they strongly believed that Lord Owen was partial to Serbians, indifferent to Croatians and anti-Muslim. It was widely believed that he, rather than Mr Douglas Hurd, represented the authoritative view of the British government.

Mr Hurd may pour scorn on the "something must be done" school of journalism, but I would suggest that he and the Foreign Office must do something to reinforce his position as foreign secretary, express the honesty of British policy towards Bosnia-Herzegovina, and persuade the citizens of both that country and Croatia that Britain does not support Serbia's war aims.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN NORRIS,
30 Roman Way, Homer Lane,
Seaton, Devon.
September 11.

A good friend lost

From Lord Fanshawe

Sir, Your interesting obituary of the 15th Earl of Westmorland (September 9) made no mention of his outstanding charitable work. I succeeded him as chairman of the Gloucestershire Society and therefore know of his local interest, to which he gave much time and effort.

On the national scene he was an outstanding leader in the field of the National Association of Boys Clubs and as chairman of the Barnby Foundation for assisting the textile industry. His work with the National Aids Trust was invaluable. He was also an energetic figure in the organisation of the Commonwealth Games and the British Olympic Association. He was a dear friend to everyone, and he will be very much missed.

Yours faithfully,
FANSHAWE,
The Chapter Manor,
South Cerney, Gloucestershire.

From Mr Graham D. Llewellyn

Sir, In spite of the recessionary period in the art market during the Earl of Westmorland's chairmanship of Sotheby's and the difficult and unpopular decisions requiring to be taken, his character and integrity were such that he never lost the affection and great esteem in which he was held by the staff worldwide. His personal honour and sense of justice ensured that harsh decisions were executed in the fairest possible way: indeed, his concern for those affected was such that his own health suffered adversely.

It cannot be said of many that "he never lost a friend", but, as a colleague and friend for some 30 years, I believe that this could truthfully be applied to David Westmorland.

Yours sincerely,
GRAHAM D. LLEWELLYN,
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34-35 New Bond Street, W1.

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Delays on hospital consultant lists

From Professor A. R. Fielder

Sir, The delays patients experience before reaching hospital specialists have just been published (report, September 10). As Dr Milledge pointed out in his letter of September 11 on the perioperative deaths table, such "league tables" are compulsive reading at any time, and those published by the West Midlands Regional Health Authority are no exception.

Of course these data are pretty shaky and give no clue to throughput or quality, but a clear pattern emerges: there are serious and consistent discrepancies between specialties.

Compare, for instance, general medicine and adult ophthalmology. In the four Birmingham health districts the average wait for a first appointment in medicine is 4.3 weeks (range one to 16 weeks) and for ophthalmology 37.2 weeks (range 14 to 61 weeks) — at least an eight-fold difference. Unfortunately there is no reason to suggest that the pattern in the West Midlands differs from the rest of the country.

Why should these huge discrepancies exist? Perhaps all ophthalmologists are imbued during training with intense lassitude, or all general physicians are superhuman?

A more plausible explanation is that medical manpower and facilities are not appropriately distributed across specialties. Not news to those working in the NHS, and in previous attempts to redress this imbalance I have sought a solution at district and regional levels, but to no avail. There appears to be no body within the NHS which ensures the appropriate allocation of medical resources, or if it does exist it is ineffective.

It is totally unacceptable for patients to wait over eight times longer to be seen in one specialty compared with another. These tables clearly show that the community does not have adequate access to certain health services and treatment can be seriously delayed. A change is long overdue and vital to ensure that the patient's charter really works.

Yours etc,
ALISTAIR FIELDER,
Academic Unit of Ophthalmology,
University of Birmingham
Medical School,
Edgbaston, Birmingham 15.
September 11.

From the Chief Executive of the North West Anglia Health Authority

Sir, The figures published by the West Midlands Regional Health Authority on the length of consultants' waiting lists in that area are not the first of their kind. Last October the North West Anglia Health Authority, covering north Cambridgeshire and west Norfolk, published a complete list of all the consultants in its area and its in-patient and out-patient waiting times in the newspapers of the area.

We did this to both inform and empower the public when they came to face the difficult decision of a referral route into the hospital system. We also did it with the strong and active encouragement of our local MP, Dr Brian Mawhinney, who also happens to be the minister of state at the Department of Health. The publication produced praise from the public and no apparent concern from the profession.

Yours faithfully,
A. R. BURNS,
Chief Executive,
North West Anglia Health Authority,
St John's, Thorpe Road,
Peterborough, Cambridgeshire.
September 13.

Driven off

From Professor Paul Dieppe

Sir, It was heartening to hear of the rise in car sales in August. However, my experience suggests that this is not a sign of recovery in British industry, as has been suggested (report, September 4).

Some British manufacturers remain unable to sell cars. I placed an order for a Rover car in early June, in the faint hope that I might be able to join the band of British car owners.

No such luck. After waiting for more than three months I was told that I could not expect a car for at least another six weeks. The situation was similar at other dealers.

As foreign competitors are able to provide immediate delivery I cancelled the order and purchased a French car instead.

Yours in anger and with sadness,
PAUL DIEPPE,
6 Kenilworth Road, Bristol.
September 4.

Treble celebration

From Dr G. K. Mackenzie

Sir, I have discovered that Ernie has a human face. Last week, when my wife and I celebrated our fiftieth wedding anniversary, we each received a premium bond prize of £50.

But how did he know?

Yours faithfully,
G. K. MACKENZIE,
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Nairn, Highland.
September 6.

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BALMORAL CASTLE
September 16: The Duke of Edinburgh left Dyce Airport this evening for Krakow, Poland.

Sir Brian McGrath was in attendance.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by the Very Reverend Patrick Mitchell (Dean of Windsor and Register of the Order of the Garter) at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of the Right Reverend Falkner Allison (formerly Prelate of the Order of the Garter) which was held in Winchester Cathedral this afternoon.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 16: The Princess Royal, Patron, Citizens' Advice Scotland, this morning opened the second day of the Annual Conference, University of Strathclyde, 50 Richmond Street, Glasgow, and was received by Councillor Patrick Lally (Deputy Lieutenant of Glasgow).

Her Royal Highness, President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, later visited Falmer Jeans Limited, Caponacre Industrial Estate, Cairn Road, Cumnock, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Ayrshire and Arran (Major Richard Henderson).

The Princess Royal this afternoon attended the Western Meeting, Ayr Racecourse, Ayrshire.

Mrs David Bowes-Lyon was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
September 16: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, this morning received the Secretary of the Duchy of Cornwall (Mr John James).

His Royal Highness this afternoon attended the launch of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds' "Time for Pine" policy document at the Craigendarroch Hotel and Country Club, Ballater, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Aberdeenshire (Captain Colin Farquharson of Whitehouse).

Captain Richard Aylard, RN, was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 16: The Princess of Wales this morning opened the Home Office Southwark Drugs Prevention Team's "Images of Drugs in Southwark: 93" at the Beormund Community Centre, 177 Abbey Street, London SE1.

Captain Edward Musto, RM, was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 16: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, President, the Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Society, this afternoon opened Netherbyres, a new residential accommodation, Eyemouth, Berwickshire, Scotland.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Berwickshire (Major-General Sir John Swinton).

Dame Jean Maxwell-Scott was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 16: The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, Counsel and Care, was present this evening at a Reception at the Knapp Gallery, Regent's College, Inner Circle, Regent's Park, London NW1.

Mrs Howard Page was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
September 16: The Duchess of Kent, Patron, the Yorkshire County Cricket Club, this afternoon attended the Britannic Assurance Championship Surrey versus Yorkshire Cricket Match at the Oval, Kennington, London SE11.

Mrs Colin Marsh was in attendance.

Dinner

Archbishop of Canterbury
The Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs Carey were hosts at a dinner held last night at Lambeth Palace in honour of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of London, who were accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies. The other guests included:

The Greek Ambassador and Mrs Gounaris, the Ambassador of the Republic of Ireland and Mrs Small, Lord and Lady Pym, Lord and Lady McColl of Dulwich, Dame Cicely Saunders, OM, Sir Stephen and Lady Egerton and the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police and Mrs Condon.

Luncheon

National Sporting Club
Sir Edward Heath, KG, MP, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the National Sporting Club held yesterday at the Café Royal. Mr Bob Willis, chairman, presided.

Service luncheon

London Scottish Regiment
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of London were the guests of honour at a luncheon given by the London Scottish Regiment yesterday at their headquarters in Victoria. Colonel John Clemence, colonel of the regiment, presided.

Reception

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was host at a reception held yesterday evening at 10 Downing Street for regional editors under the aegis of the Newspaper Conference.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Samuel Prout, watercolour painter, Plymouth, 1783; William Carlos Williams, poet, Rutherford, New Jersey, 1883; Sir Francis Chichester, yachtsman, Barnstaple, 1901; Sir Frederick Ashton, ballet dancer and choreographer, Guayaquil, Ecuador, 1906, Maureen Connolly (Little Mo), tennis champion, San Diego, 1934.

DEATHS: Tobias Smollett, novelist, Leghorn, 1771; Alfred de Vigny, poet, Paris, 1863; Charles Robert Cockerell, architect, London, 1863; Walter Savage Landor, writer, Florence, 1864; William Henry Fox Talbot, pioneer of photography, Lacock Abbey, Wiltshire, 1877; Eugene-Emmanuel Viollet-le-Duc, architect, Lausanne, 1879; Count Folke Bernadotte, UN mediator, assassinated, Jerusalem, 1948; Ruth Benedict, anthropologist, New York, 1948; Dame Lilian Braithwaite, actress, London, 1948; Laura Ashley, designer, Coventry, 1985; Pat Phoenix, actress, Cheadle, Cheshire, 1986.

The constitution of the United States was signed, 1787.

Proclamation of the Commonwealth of Australia, 1900.

British forces landed by air at Arnhem, 1944.

Appointment

Professor M.S. Losowsky became President of the British Society of Gastroenterology at the annual dinner in Manchester yesterday.

Retirement

Judge Roberts retired yesterday from the Circuit Bench on the Midland and Oxford Circuit.

STEPHEN MARKESON

John Rhodes, curator of the Museum of Reading, examines a newly restored Victorian replica of the Bayeux Tapestry, which went on show today. The 230ft tapestry was the idea of Elizabeth Wardle, an accomplished needlewoman, who had visited the original in Bayeux in 1885. Thirty-five members of the Leek Embroidery Society were involved, using vegetable dyes colour-matched to early photographs of the original. The replica was eventually bought by a mayor of Reading who donated it to the Berkshire town. Until the restoration, it had lain for many decades in storage. Although the replica is almost completely accurate, the Victorian ladies' modesty could not be overcome entirely. In the original, one male warrior is shown naked while the more genteel Victorian version gives him the neat outline of trunks. A gelding in the English version appears to be clearly a male horse in the French.

Repair bills force sale of statues

BY SARAH JANE CHECKLAND

THE Earl of Radnor is to sell three bronze sculptures by Giambologna, the 16th century Florentine master, which have been in the earl's family for over 200 years.

The estimated £750,000 proceeds will go towards securing the future of the family seat, Longford Castle, near Salisbury, Wiltshire. The house has a distinguished collection of Old Master paintings which is little known to the public, as it is only open by appointment.

The sculptures to be sold by Christie's in December are *Nessus and Deianeira*, a dramatic depiction of the centaur Nessus abducting the wife of Hercules, and two lions, one attacking a horse, the other a bull.

"Since Giambologna's day, his bronze statuettes have been regarded as the touchstones by which other works of this type are judged," David Ekserdjian of Christie's said. "The appearance at auction of three superlative examples, all from the same illustrious source, is unprecedented."

All three have been at Longford since they were acquired in 1739 and 1740 by a forebear of the current, eighth earl. At the time, the lion bronzes cost about £13 and the rape of Deianeira, £25.

This is not the first time Lord Radnor has been forced to sell. In 1970 he sold the *Portrait of Juan de Pareja* by Velázquez in order to meet massive tax bills.

The painting was bought by the Metropolitan Museum in New York for what was at the time a world record of £2.3 million.

"I don't like selling. I am very possessive," Lord Radnor said. The auction, he added, was necessary in order to keep his home — the only Elizabethan house in England which is shaped like a triangle — in "tip-top condition". Major projects include restoring the towers and re-roofing the building.

Memorial services

Colonel Sir Guy Campbell
A memorial service for Colonel Sir Guy Campbell was held yesterday at St Columba's, Pont Street. The Rev W.A Cairns officiated. Sir Lachlan Campbell, son, read the lesson and Mr Rory Campbell, son, read Sir Henry Newbolt's "Vital Lampada" and Adam Lindsay Gordon's "Man's Testament". General Sir Roland Guy gave an address. Others present included:

Lizbeth Lady Campbell (widow), Lady Campbell (daughter-in-law), Captain and Mrs Colin Campbell, Miss Georgina Campbell, Miss Tessa Campbell, Mr Charles Campbell, Mr James Campbell, Mr and Mrs N C McClintock, Mr and Mrs John Mansel, Mr Philip Mansel, Mrs Ann Girling, Mr Simon Girling.

Cathryn Countess Cawdor, Lord and Lady George Scott, Brigadier the Hon R M Parker, Lady Heathcote, Field Marshal Sir Roland Gibbs, Lady Guy, Sir Donald Hawley, Mrs Edward Ryder, Mr L J Weaver, Mr David Howard, Mr Charles Carroll, Mr John Pattinson, Colonel Brian Lees, Colonel Duncan Campbell, Mr Christopher Gandy, Brigadier and Mrs H R W Vernon, Major M Fearfield (East African Armoured Car Regiment), Mr Brian Williamson (chairman, The Kenya Regiment Association, UK branch) with Mr Noel Brownhill (treasurer); Mrs V Letham (East Africa Women's League), Lieutenant-Colonel J F H P Johnson (King's African Rifles Dinner Club), Mr Peter Lee (Special Forces Club) and Colonel I H McCausland (Celer et Audax Club).

The Right Rev Falkner Allison
The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were represented by the Dean of Windsor at a service of thanksgiving for the life of the Right Rev Falkner Allison held yesterday in Winchester Cathedral. The Dean of Winchester officiated. Mr Sherard Allison, son, read the lesson and the Bishop of Winchester gave an address. The Archdeacon of Colchester and Canon Nigel Harley said prayers.

The Right Rev Lord Coggan, the Bishop of Basingstoke, the Right Rev John Taylor, the Right Rev John Cavell, the Dean of Guildford, the Dean of Truro, the Ven D.W.M. Jennings, also representing the Diocese of Chelmsford, Canon Peter Raban and members of the Winchester Chapter were robed and in the Sanctuary.

Mr John Coote
A memorial service for Mr John Coote was held yesterday at St Paul's, Covent Garden. Canon Jesse Sage officiated.

Miss Belinda Coote, daughter, read from Victor Hugo's *Toilers of the Sea*. Mr Moran Caplat read Lord Tennyson's *Crossing the Bar*, Mrs Judy Delap, daughter, read "What it is all about", an extract from *The Faber Book of the Sea*, edited by Mr Coote, and Miss Anna Coote, daughter, read from "My Heart belongs to Daddy", an article she wrote for the *New Statesman*. Admiral Sir Rae McKaig gave an address.

Lieutenant-Colonel the Lord Burnham
A memorial service for Lieutenant-Colonel the Lord Burnham will be held at the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks on Wednesday, September 29, 1993 at noon. Those wishing to attend should apply for tickets to the Regimental Adjutant, Scots Guards, Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk, London, SW1E 6HQ.

Birthdays today

Professor Sir Donald Acheson, former chief medical officer, HM Government, 67; Miss Anne Bancroft, actress, 62; the Right Rev T.J. Bavin, Bishop of Portsmouth, 58; Mr David Bintley, ballet dancer and choreographer, 36; Professor A.N. Broers, master, Churchill College, Cambridge, 55; Marshal of the RAF Lord Craig of Radley, 64; Mr Don Cruickshank, director-general, Oftel, 51; General Sir Kenneth Darling, 84; Professor Naomi Datta, geneticist, 71; Miss Jennifer Dickson, photographer and artist, 57; Sir Desmond Fennell, former High Court judge, 60; Mr D.A. Fenner, former headmaster, Alleyn's School, 60; Mr

The showjumper Karen Straker is 29 today

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Marriages

Sir Maurice O'Connell and Miss F. Raleigh
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, W1, of Sir Maurice O'Connell, elder son of the late Sir Morgan O'Connell and of Lady O'Connell, of Killarney, Ireland, and Miss Francesca Raleigh, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Clive Raleigh, of Hong Kong. Father Michael Beattie, SJ, officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Miss Claire Jenkins. Mrs Jane Lindstrand was best woman.

A reception was held at the Oriental Club and the honeymoon is being spent in France.

Mr R.J.A. Bridgwood and Miss F.T. Lockock
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 11, at Great St Mary's, Cambridge, of Mr Richard Bridgwood and Miss Frankie Lockock. The Rev Hueston Finlay officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Serena Henery, Archie and Araby McClintock and Georgia Booth. Mr Peter Pryor was best man.

A reception was held at Flint House, Barkway. The honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr J.G. Cluff and Miss B.B.R. Hodge
The marriage took place on Thursday, September 16, at St Stephen's Chapel, Stanley, Hong Kong, of Mr J.G. Cluff, only son of the late Mr Harold Cluff and of Mrs Freda Cluff, of Waldershare, Kent, and Miss Blondel Hodge, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.R. Hodge, of Anguilla, West Indies. The Rev Christopher Briggs officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by Mr Henry Keswick and was attended by Sarah Reid. Mr David Tang was best man.

The honeymoon is being spent in Northern China.

Mr R.W. Robson and Miss E.K.A.G. Morris
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 11, 1993, at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, of Mr Rupert William Robson, son of Mr Michael Robson, OBE, and Mrs Michael Robson, of Steventon, Oxfordshire, to Miss Eleanor Kenner Alexandra Gouverneur Morris, only daughter of Mr James Morris, RSA, and Mrs James Morris, of Woodcote Park, Eala and Soutra, Midlothian. The Very Rev Graham Forbes officiated and the lessons were read by Mr Malcolm Morris and Mr James Robson.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Lady Susan Baillie-Hamilton, Isabel Douglas-Hamilton, Miss Eloise Ughetta, Miss Anabel Cutler, Miss Victoria Harding, Lord Binning and Claudio Menotti. Mr Sam Stacey was best man.

The reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.H. Bateman-Champain and Miss C.M. Kelly
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of the Rev Nicholas and Mrs Bateman-Champain, of Cuffley, Hertfordshire, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Daniel Kelly, of Netherlee, Glasgow.

Mr M.S.D. Bennett-Coles and Miss J.C. Whiting
The engagement is announced between Marc Bennett-Coles, of London, and Joanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Whiting, of Advie, Scotland.

Mr J. Cunningham and Miss H.C. Wilson
The engagement is announced between John, son of the late Mr G.L. Cunningham and of Mrs M. Cunningham, of Cannon Valley, Queensland, Australia, and Harriet, daughter of Mr J.P. Wilson, of Blackheath, and Mrs M.C. Wilson, of St Albans, Hertfordshire.

Mr P. Llewellyn and Miss S. McPeake
The marriage between Philip Llewellyn and Stephanie McPeake will take place today at West Church, Ballymena.

Mr D.M.J. Moore and Miss K.L. Stedeford
The engagement is announced between David, son of the late Mr J.G. Moore and of Mrs E.M. Moore, of Ascot, Berkshire, and Katherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.D. Stedeford, of Brentwood, Essex.

Mr A.J. Murray-Brown and Miss E.C. Bienvenue
Andrew Murray-Brown and Eugenie Bienvenue will marry at Martina's Vineyard on September 25, 1993.

Mr M.A. Wheeler and Miss F.C. Gibson
The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs Derek Wheeler, of Churcham, Gloucestershire, and Fiona, daughter of the late Mr Robin Gibson and of Mrs Naomi Gibson, of Wembury, Devon.

Mr M-D. Wiehe and Miss X.A. Goodman
The engagement is announced between Marc-Daniel, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Marc Wiehe, of London and Mauritius, and Xenia, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Philip Goodman, of Kensington, London.

Royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as Colonel-in-Chief of The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment, will visit the 3rd Battalion during annual camp at Otterburn at 11.00. The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the Harveys Leeds International Pianoforte Competition, will attend the semi-finals in Leeds Town Hall at 6.40.

Lecture

British Psycho-Analytical Society
Mr Peter Brook will deliver the 1993 Ernest Jones Lecture "Does Nothing Come From Nothing?" at the Edward Lewis Theatre, Windeyer Building, Cleveland Street, London, W1, on Tuesday, October 5, 1993, at 8pm. Admission is free.

Late honour

Tommy Flowers, 88, who helped to develop Britain's first computer, has been awarded a doctorate in technology at the new De Montfort University.

Latest wills

Lord Peacock, of London W8, former deputy chairman of ICI, and a former president of the Chemical Industries Association and the CBI, left estate valued at £116,908 net.

Sir John Martindale Wilson, of Twyford, Hampshire, former second permanent under-secretary at the Ministry of Defence, and chairman of the Friends of Winchester Cathedral, left net estate valued between £40,000 and £70,000. He left £500 to the Friends of Winchester Cathedral and the Civil Service Benevolent Fund.

Latymer Upper School

Mr C.L. Argent, TD, FCA, has joined the Staff as Bursar. The School announces the Award of Sixth Form Scholarships to: Alexander Blackmore (Burlington Danes); Sadat Sayeed (Burlington Danes) and internally: the Oliver Prenn Scholarship, Benjamin Heath; the Bryan Skinner Scholarship, Matthew Robinson.

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BIRTHS

ABDEL BAR - With God's blessing at The Wellington Hospital to Wafaa Badawi and Aly Mokhtar a beautiful son Mohamed. Thanks to all at the hospital.

BARKHAM - See Sparks.

BEESE - On September 16th, to Theresa and Christopher, a daughter, Annabel.

BLOWER - Andrea and Graham proudly announce the birth of their son, Christopher George Robert on 9th September 1993.

CAZALET - On September 13th to Jane (née Perry) and Peter, a son, Hugo, a brother for Thomas, George and Eloise.

DAVIES - On September 16th, at The Portland Hospital, to Josephine (née Burnell) and George, a daughter, Lily Isabel Louise, a sister for Henry and Maximilian.

MANSFIELD - On September 9th to Jemima and James a precious daughter, Lauren Breeze.

MORRIS-JONES - On September 14th, to Jane (née Howard) and Nigel, twin daughters, Kiloran Imogen and Eloise Georgia.

PENNEY - On September 8th to Diana (née Langridge) and Nicholas, a son Thomas George, a brother for Matthew.

PIMM - On September 3rd, to Catherine (née Carmichael) and Michael, twin sons, Simon and Oliver, brothers for Sarah.

RAE - On September 14th, to Caroline (née Brooks) and Iain, a son Charles George Murray, a brother for Olivia, Lucinda and Arabella.

RICHARDSON - On 14th September, to Jane (née Edwards) and David, a son, Miles Tanqueray Williamme.

SLATER - On September 13th, to Olga and Michael, a daughter, Kiara Sylvia.

SPARKS - On September 9th 1993, to Caroline Barkham and Rod, a beautiful daughter, a sister for James.

STREET - On 16th September at Guy's Hospital, London, to Anne (née Johnson) and Andrew, a precious son James David.

BIRTHS

TOOMEY - On 4th September to Rosalind (née Kellaway) and Stephen, a daughter, Imogen.

TURNER - On 14th September in Muscat, to Karen (née Fletcher) and Antony, twin daughters Claudia Hope and Sophia Eve, sisters for Luke.

WELSH - On 15th September 1993, to Margaret and Tom, a daughter, Felicity Faye.

DEATHS

BILLINGTON - William (Bill) Horace, of Virginia Water, Surrey, husband of the late Angela Billington, much loved father of Reg and Brenda, grandfather of Nigel, Marco and Veronica, passed away in his sleep on Tuesday 7th September 1993, aged 95 after a very brief illness.

BLAKEMORE - On September 10th 1993, Dr. Colin Bayston. Suddenly in Salisbury. Dear friend and colleague of Dr. Jim and Sue Murray and family and Godfather to Toby. Sadly missed by all colleagues at Shire Pharmaceuticals, Salisbury. Funeral Service at St. Martin's Church, Salisbury on Friday 24th September. 1993 at 12 noon. Flowers and enquiries to LN. Newman Ltd., Funeral Directors, Griffin House, 55 Winchester Street, Salisbury, Wilts. SP1 1HJ.

BRANDT - Mortimer on September 6th 1993 aged 88 years in Baltimore Maryland, formerly of New York and London. Beloved husband of Hilda Harbridge Brandt.

BROUGHAM - On 16th September 1993, Timothy David, Commander Royal Navy at home in Haslemere. Loved husband of Jane and father of James (deceased) and Patrick. Arrangements: C.M. Luff & Partners 0428 643524

BURROW - September 14th 1993, Larry will be greatly missed by his family and by his very many good friends around the world and, of course, in the Bush. Funeral at Mortlake Crematorium on Wednesday September 22nd at 3.30 pm. Flowers to 127 Chiswick High Road, W4 2ED. Or donations to the British Heart Foundation.

DEATHS

CAMPBELL - (Kennedy) passed away 14th September 1993. Dearly loved husband of Mary, loving father of Patricia, Ruth and Mary. Funeral Service to take place on Tuesday 21st September 1993 at St John the Baptist Church, Armitage at 2.30 pm. Followed by committal at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations to St Giles Hospice, Whittington, Lichfield. Further enquiries to Co-operative Funeral Service 17 Brereton Rd, Rugeley. Tel: 0889 582315

CHANTER - Dawn Leslie (Chilaile née Gunter) on 15th September. Beloved mother of Susan, Caroline and Buzz and sister of Sorel Beaye. Quickly and peacefully in Torbay Hospital. Funeral Monday 20th September at 3.30 pm at Torquay Crematorium.

FITZGIBBON - On 13th September Dorothea of Broughton, Hants, greatly loved wife of Terence, mother of Hugh, Anthony, Terence and Clare, died suddenly but peacefully whilst on holiday. Memorial Service to be held at St. Mary's Church, Broughton on Friday 24th September at 11.30 am. Cut flowers only please, or donations to Andover MIND for whom Dorothea and Terence both worked.

GABELLE - On 13th September 1993, in St Thomas' Hospital, London, after a courageous fight against cancer, Sarah Esther, of Earley, Reading. Dearly beloved wife of Clifford (formerly H.M. Diplomatic Service), loving mother of Christopher and Nicholas, and dear sister of Harold Whiting. Funeral Service at St. Matthews' Church, Reading, on Wednesday September 22nd at 11.30 am. Family flowers only, but donations for "The Fleming Memorial Fund", may be sent to A.B. Walker & Son Ltd., 56 Eldon Road, Reading.

DEATHS

HARRISON - On September 13th, peacefully at home, Phyllis, aged 85. Beloved wife of the late Douglas and mother of Tessa. Funeral Service at Harrietsham Parish Church on Tuesday, September 21st, at 11.15 am. Flowers, or donations payable to N.S.P.C.C., c/o A W Court, Funeral Directors, Headcorn Road, Grafty Green, Maidstone (0622) 850840

HUGHES - On September 15th, at Cleveland House, South Woodford, Jean, aged 89. Widow of Walter Norman Hughes. Funeral at St Mary's Church, High Road, South Woodford on Wednesday 22nd September at 12 noon. Flowers to T.A.C. Lambert & Co., 364 High Road, Woodford Green, Essex IG8 0XQ. Private burial at Tintern.

JAMES - Greta Maude late of Shaftesbury at Salisbury District Hospital on Friday 10th September aged 82. Funeral Service at Salisbury Crematorium on Friday 17th September at 12.45 pm. Enquiries to H.A. Harrold & Son, 77 Estcourt Road, Salisbury. Tel: 0722 321177

LONG - On Thursday, 16th September, 1993 peacefully at home, Bridget Joan Long (née Bunbury), aged 79 years, widow of Allen Howard, mother of Rosamund, Elizabeth and George and Grandmother of 8. Funeral Service at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on Thursday, 23rd September at 12.30 pm. Donations if wished to The Arthritis Research Council, C/o Paul Bysouth Funeral Services. Tele: Crowborough (0892) 655000

PETERS - Roger William of Hounslow, tragically in a motor accident on September 13th. Funeral Service St Mary the Virgin Church, Norton Road, Isleworth, 10.30am Monday September 20th. No flowers by request. Donations to Dr Barnardos.

PONSONBY - Merelina of Moorhouse Nursing Home, Hindhead. Mother of Merelina Karen and grandmother of Merelina Rosanne and Lucinda Jane Dymoke White. Life is no life without quality. Funeral Monday 20th. No flowers. Donations to The Stroke Association.

DEATHS

TAYLOR - Denis Humphrey of A.A. Taylor Joinery, Brighton, suddenly whilst on holiday on 12th September 1993. All enquiries to Hanningtons (F/D) Ltd, tel: 0273 778733

WADDINGTON - Dr. Eric Waddington who died peacefully at home having enjoyed a happy and fulfilled life which we were all privileged to be a part of. We love and miss him. From all his family. Quaker Meeting to be held on Monday 20th September at 11 am at Thornhill Crematorium, Cardiff.

WILLIAMS - On September 16th at home in Bladon, Orcon David Morgan M.A., C.B.E. In his 79th year. Beloved husband of Penelope. The Funeral Service will take place at Oxford Crematorium on Wednesday 22nd September in the St John's Chapel at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to The Save the Children Fund. Mary Datchelor House, 17 Grove Lane, London SE5 8RD.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

DE TRAFFORD - A Requiem Mass for Katherine will be held on Tuesday, 21st September at The Roman Catholic Church of St. Mary, Cadogan St., London SW3 at 12.15 Enquiries to J. H. Kenyon, 74 Rochester Row, Westminster. Tel: 071-834 4624.

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OBITUARIES

DAVID WILLIAMS

David Williams, OBE, editor of *West Africa* magazine from 1949 to 1977, died at Bladon, Oxfordshire, on September 15 aged 79. He was born in Wales on December 10, 1913.

THROUGH his 28-year-long editorship of *West Africa*, David Williams became a leading expert especially on Nigerian affairs and was highly respected by almost everyone concerned with West Africa. His achievement at the magazine was two-fold: he turned a modest weekly into a vehicle of political comment that was respected throughout the region, and he did so at a time when independence was being granted to country after country and the political complexion of the independent governments was constantly changing. Besides certain tight-rope walking qualities — a perhaps necessary compromise in the face of these changes, in the interests of having the magazine read at all — Williams had a profound knowledge of the region which gave *West Africa*'s reporting, much of which was done by himself, considerable authority.

David Williams was born in Brecon, the son of Walter Williams, who was a journalist and Glamorgan county councillor. Williams was educated at Llandovery College, from where he went to Corpus Christi College, Oxford. There he took a second in PPE. After coming down he worked for a while in local government and in 1938 joined the Army Reserve. He was called up two weeks before war was declared and was commissioned into the King's African Rifles in 1940.

During the second world war he saw action in Somalia and Ethiopia, when the British East African Army invaded Italian occupied territory and in a swift but sometimes hard fought campaign encompassed the surrender of the Duke of Aosta's army. After these operations Williams remained in the Horn of Africa with the occupying forces, but in 1943 he was badly wounded in the hip when a vehicle in which he was travelling to Nairobi was attacked, apparently by rebels. After treatment locally he was evacuated to Britain the following year and was subsequently invalided out of the Army.

After the war he flirted with a career in films, working with the Crown Film Unit and going to Nigeria to make *Daybreak at Udi*. In 1949 he came to the notice of Cecil King of the Daily Mirror Group who persuaded him to become editor of *West Africa*.

This magazine had been born in Liverpool in 1917 as a means of conveying mostly commercial and shipping intelligence to businessmen dealing with the West Coast of Africa. By 1949 it was a little-known but respected political and economic weekly. The great achievement of David Williams was that during the difficult period of the coming of independence and the political turmoil that followed in West Africa he made the magazine an accepted part of the scene — not something imposed by a former colonial authority, though it continued to be published in London, but something recognised by Africans as a forum for their debate.

He did this partly through his journalistic skill. He was an excellent writer with a passion for finding out facts and getting things right. He was also an indefatigable traveller: he created "Matcher's Diary" in *West Africa*, which more often came from far-flung corners than the centres of his empire — from Bolgatanga rather than Accra and Maiduguri rather than Lagos.

His achievement was also due to his diplomacy. He managed to voice the necessary criticism of corrupt and inefficient governments; yet it was imperative not to have his magazine banned and himself declared *persona non grata*. Nevertheless some young Africans felt he was too muted in his criticism, too much in favour of whatever establishment was in power.

The other element of his success came from the deep affection and respect he had for all things West African. He had vast numbers of West African friends up and down the coast, but particularly in Nigeria, a country in whose affairs he was most closely involved.

Many leading journalists learnt at his feet at *West Africa*. He was also a genuine authority in his field, much consulted by scholars. He made *West Africa* essential reading for those dealing with the politics and economics of the area.

Williams was a convivial man, most amusing company at the lunch table. He published a biography of the former president of Nigeria, Alhaji Shehu Shagari, with whom he was very close. But his friends regretted that he did not manage to leave in more permanent form either his expertise on specific subjects, like local government in Nigeria, or his vast fund of anecdotes about West African personalities.

Though he was good at advising politicians, he was not good at waging his own political battles. As a result, he was never properly rewarded or pensioned. Also he was unable to prevent the Daily Mirror Group losing interest and running down the magazine in the 1970s (when it was shedding its whole West African empire) and then selling it in a controversial fashion that finally involved the magazine on the edges of South Africa's Muldergate information scandal; it was found that money from South African sources was being made available to the magazine in a way that affected its credibility.

Because of this *West Africa* was sold to the *Daily Times* of Nigeria, which brought its own problems. But it survived as an independent and authoritative magazine, a fitting memorial to David Williams.

He was appointed OBE in 1977 and was honoured by the Liberian government in 1979. After his retirement from *West Africa* Williams retired to Bladon in Oxfordshire, but he continued to maintain an interest in the West African scene which had been his sphere of interest for so long.

He is survived by his wife, Penelope. There were no children.

LIEUT-COLONEL BRUCE ELLIOTT

Lieutenant-Colonel Bruce John Elliott, CBE, TD, District Judge for Luton and a Recorder, died suddenly on September 5 aged 66. He was born on February 8, 1927.

A DILEMMA faced 21-year-old Bruce Elliott: whether to read for the law as his father advised; or whether to indulge his own appetite for the Army — already whetted by three years service in the Middle and Far East. The young subaltern resolved it with a compromise: he did both.

A careful man who rarely leapt before he looked, he reasoned that a solicitor's career could last a lifetime, as opposed to a soldier's, which would end in middle age. So he opted for the Law Society's law school and qualified as a solicitor in 1951 and practised in Bournemouth, his home town. But he also joined the Territorial Army (TA), in which he invested all his spare energy and time, pursuing an alternative parallel career.

The son of the owner of the Royal Blue coach company, he had been briefly articled to a local law firm on leaving his Bournemouth secondary school, before receiving his call-up papers. The year was 1945 and the end of the second world war was in sight.

Resisting his father's appeal to apply for deferment, he was posted to his county regiment, the Royal Hampshires, and was later commissioned while serving with them in India. He went on to serve in Egypt and then Palestine — where he helped run a broadcasting station for the troops, presenting a programme of records and requests from its Haifa headquarters.

Elliott remained a solicitor in Bournemouth for ten years before moving to Newcastle upon Tyne to take up an appointment as assistant registrar. In 1963, however, he returned south, to become registrar for Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire. The title was changed to that of district judge under the latest judicial reorganisation.

Elliott, an assistant registrar at only 31, had ambitions to climb even higher. But he found his chances of promotion badly handicapped through his not having read for the Bar.

In 1979, however, he eased his professional frustration by securing an additional appointment as Assistant Recorder — which gave him experience of the criminal law.

He became a Recorder in his own right in 1986, sitting at Crown Courts throughout eastern England for eight weeks in any one year.

Elliott's TA profile reflected his legal career. After qualifying as a parachutist with the 14th Battalion of The Parachute Regiment, he continued to serve with the Hampshires while in Bournemouth, rising to the rank of major.

On moving to Newcastle upon Tyne he switched to the 5th Battalion, Royal Northumberland Fusiliers, also finding the time to qualify privately as a pilot and glider pilot. He even acted as an instructor at one stage for the RAF Cadet Force.

He later transferred to the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment and was given command of its 5th Battalion in 1965. His final post before retiring from the TA was as colonel commandant of the Bedfordshire Army Cadet Force.

Elliott was appointed a CBE five years ago after completing 18 years as national honorary secretary of the Registrars' Association.

He was in many ways a complex man. On the one hand he was sociable and outgoing, a good conversationalist (and an even better listener) at parties. In recent years he often relaxed by playing bridge.

At the same time, however, he was a private man, who, after leaving the TA, described his favourite pastimes in *Who's Who* as "The simplest outdoor pursuits". In practice this meant sailing with his wife or going for long solitary walks. He rarely talked very much about himself.

Bruce Elliott's first two marriages were dissolved. He is survived by his third wife Alison whom he married in 1975 and by two sons of his second marriage.

ADRIANNE ALLEN

Adrianne Allen, actress, died in Montreux, Switzerland, on September 14 aged 86. She was born in Manchester on February 7, 1907.

ADRIANNE Allen was a light British comedy actress, best known for her stage work. In the early 1930s she was being tipped by critics to become "a star of the very first magnitude". Though this prediction proved over-optimistic, she was certainly a very bright presence on the British stage throughout the 1920s and 1930s. Her discovery was owed to Noël Coward.

With her pale gold shingled hair, grey eyes and boyish figure, Allen epitomised the sort of worldly sophistication necessary to play in a Coward comedy. In Allen's case this impression had been worked at. Though she was educated in France and Germany, she had only finally dropped her Lancashire accent at RADA. This she more than made up for by a strong voice, impeccable comic timing and memorable personality. More importantly for Coward, who liked to cast friends such as the Lunts and Gertrude Lawrence in his productions, she was extremely friendly, with an endearing habit of trying to organise other people's lives.

Coward immediately nicknamed her "Planny Anny", though he was not always prepared to take her advice. In the winter of 1939 he was stationed in Paris where he was attempting to run a propaganda bureau operating in conjunction with the French Ministry of Information. Allen sent him a helpful telegram suggesting he tell Chamberlain and the then French premier Edouard Daladier to demand an explicit statement of moral support for their countries from President Roosevelt.

Coward's cabled reply was brisk: "Darling Planny. Though internationally bossy I am not yet internationally authoritative. Fear gentlemen you mention might conceivably resent my telling them how to read their lines."

She had met Coward through Basil Dean, one of the leading directors of the time and a friend of Coward's, in 1926. He was then casting for a production of *Easy Virtue*, to be staged at the Duke of York's Theatre and picked Allen straight from RADA to appear in it.

Despite the promising start, Allen then spent a gruelling year at the Everyman Theatre in Hampstead, acting in a new play every fortnight. In October that year she met her future husband, Raymond Massey, on the set of *Rat Trap*, a belated production of Coward's first serious play. Despite the distinguished cast, which included Massey and Robert Harris, the play only clocked up a meagre 12 performances.

Adrianne Allen with Laurence Olivier in *Private Lives*, 1930

Allen made her most celebrated West End appearance at the opening of the Phoenix Theatre in July 1930 taking the role of Sibyl in *Private Lives* in her third Coward play. The cast included Gertrude Lawrence and Coward himself — playing Amanda Chase and Elyot — as well as Laurence Olivier as Victor.

Both Olivier and Allen's parts were, by Coward's own admission, "extra puppets", feeds to supply him and Gertie Lawrence with the motivation they needed to launch into lengthy dialogues. He considered them "little better than ninepins, lightly wooden and only there at all in order to be repeatedly knocked down and stood up again". But on the principle that only exciting actors can play bores successfully, Coward had been most particular about who was to play them.

Allen landed her first talking film role later that year. *Loose Ends* was based on a play about a convict who marries a flamboyant young stage actress once discharged from prison. Allen played the supporting part of a sophisticated modern girl, with a heart of gold hidden beneath her pearl necklace. The critics were ecstatic about her performance, which completely overshadowed the stars, Edna Best and Owen Nares. One critic noted: "Miss Allen is not, as yet, a Greta Garbo. Yet she has comeliness and she acts with intelligence. She is indeed a find for English pictures."

Two years later, having made several more British pictures, she was lured to Hollywood, on an £800-a-week contract with Paramount. Having made several films including the excellent *The Night of June 13th* (1932), she returned to Britain, where she starred in *The Morals of Marcus* (1935) and *The October Man* (1947).

She continued to take on stage work although, with two children to bring up, this was less frequent. Her last stage appearance was in John Gielgud's long-running production of Peter Shaffer's *Five Finger Exercise* at the Comedy Theatre in 1958. Allen was devastated that she was not chosen to play the same part in the New York transfer. From that point on she never acted again and had her name removed from *Who's Who in the Theatre*.

Having worked briefly as an interior decorator she sold her beautiful 17th-century house in Highgate village to Yehudi Menuhin and moved to Glion sur Montreux in Switzerland in 1961. Her neighbours there included Coward, Charles Chaplin and, slightly further up the mountains, David Niven and Richard Burton.

Allen's own private life was itself worthy of a Coward script. Having married Massey in 1929 and had two children by him, she obtained a divorce in 1939. A week afterwards Massey married Dorothy Whitney, a newly-divorced New York socialite. Meanwhile Allen, who had come to New York to see if her marriage could be salvaged, met Dorothy's ex-husband, a divorce lawyer called William Dwight Whitney. The couple fell in love and were themselves married soon after her divorce came through.

Her husband predeceased her. She is survived by a son, the actor Daniel Massey, and a daughter, the actress Anna Massey.

MARIE SUSINI

Marie Susini, Corsican-born novelist, died on August 24 aged 77 while on holiday in Italy. She was born in Renno, Corsica, on January 18, 1916.

IF NAPOLEON Bonaparte was Corsica's most famous son, then Marie Susini could lay claim to being the island's most famous contemporary daughter. Her short, austere novels were set in the traditional Corsican society which is to be found in the mountainous country of shepherds, brigands and vendettas, a land very different from the "Ile de Beauté", of the tourist posters. It consists of isolated villages, slowly abandoned by their inhabitants, of a hinterland treated with indifference by France, where the authorities once barred the use of the Corsican language.

Her work provided an historical perspective for the continual struggle between Corsica and Paris over financial assistance and greater autonomy, a struggle which has, over the years, spawned terrorist violence by various movements demanding independence.

Maria Susini was the daughter of a landowner. She studied philosophy in Paris and later became a senior librarian at the Bibliothèque Nationale.

Through her companion, Jean Daniel, later to become editor-in-chief of the influential weekly *Le Nouvel Observateur*, she met Albert Camus who was fascinated by her stories of her childhood. He encouraged her to pick up her pen which she did, at the age of 35.

She wrote *Plein Soleil* (Full Sunlight) in three months in 1953, *La Fiera* (The Fair) the following year and a play, *Corvara* which completed her Corsican trilogy. These, and a later, famous book, *La Renfermée*, *La Corse* (Corsica the Enclosed) were reprinted in a single volume.

She travelled widely, often to India and Mexico. Her home was in Paris, in the heart of the Left Bank where she ruled over a literary salon. But her obsession and her literary sources remained her native island — "sunny and tragic", in her words.

In Paris, she wielded considerable influence through her long-standing membership on the board of judges of the Prix Femina.

Lefty Dizz

LEFTY Dizz, blues guitarist, died on September 8 aged 56.

He was born Walter Williams in Arkansas, and first learnt the guitar from his three uncles in the churches and barrelhouse clubs of the American South. Playing a right-handed Stratocaster guitar with the strings reversed resulted in the first name of Lefty, while a spell as a trumpeter led to the Dizz.

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ATLANTIC FLEET RECALLED

The ships of the Atlantic Fleet left Invergordon for their home ports last night. The instruction for them to do so was announced in the House of Commons yesterday by Sir Austen Chamberlain, First Lord of the Admiralty, who intimated that the Government had authorized the Admiralty to make proposals for alleviating exceptional hardship which may prove to be caused by the reductions in naval pay.

Sir Austen Chamberlain's statement was as follows:-

The Board of Admiralty have had under their earnest consideration the representations received from the Officer Commanding the Atlantic Fleet as to the hardships involved in certain classes of cases by the reductions ordered by his Majesty's Government in naval rates of pay. Their lordships have directed the ships of the Atlantic Fleet to proceed to their home ports forthwith. Personal investigation will then be made by

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With Chancellor Philip Snowden facing a deficit of £170 million, the pay of all public employees was cut by 10 per cent. The pay of some of the navy's lower-deck was cut by more; their protests led to a 10 per cent limit.

the Commanders-in-Chief and representatives of the Admiralty into those classes of cases in which it is alleged that the reductions press exceptionally on those concerned. His Majesty's Government have authorized the Board of Admiralty to make proposals for alleviating the hardship in these classes as soon as the facts have been ascertained by the investigations.

MEN'S PROTESTS ASHORE

From Our Correspondent

Dingwall, Sept. 16

The Atlantic Fleet based on Invergordon is under orders to leave the Cromarty Firth to-night at 11 o'clock.

The sequence of events started on Saturday night, when a number of lower ratings met informally in shore canteen grounds and protests were voiced against the cuts in pay published that day by the Admiralty. Members of the crew of the Rodney were prominent in the discussion, and Irish ratings from Glasgow are understood to have been among the ring-leaders. Nothing untoward occurred, and the singing of "The more we are together, the merrier we'll be" seemed to express the mood of the men. On Sunday night a further meeting in canteen grounds took place. There was some disturbance, and windows and furniture were broken. The men returned, singing, to the ships. As the men were prevented from meeting in the canteen grounds on Monday, a crowd of several hundred met in the Naval Recreation Park. No civilians were allowed within 100 yards of the gathering. All shore leave was afterwards stopped.

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RNIB: CHALLENGING BLINDNESS

A firm grip on their destiny

Technology is bringing greater scope to the lives of blind people, says Widget Finn

Four-year-old James Robson, a pupil at the Royal National Institute for the Blind's Sunshine School in Northwood, northwest London, is learning to live in a sighted world. When he gets older there will be an array of computer-aided electronically controlled devices to help him to study, work and live independently. But at this stage, says his mother, Elaine, the most important thing for James is the personal contact with teachers who show him the everyday skills of eating from a bowl or dressing himself.

The RNIB was set up in 1868 as a self-help organisation for blind and partially sighted people to help them have access to information through methods of reading such as the system developed by Louis Braille. The charity grew rapidly and by early this century had expanded into education, training and the supply of equipment including white sticks and braille machines.

The RNIB is now the leading charity working with and for blind and partially sighted people in the UK. It runs nearly 60 services as part of its original brief to provide information in an accessible medium, training people to use braille, tapes and new technology. The RNIB areas of activity range from funding medical research and development of technical aids to education, rehabilitation and advice on social services.

Its Sunshine House schools provide nursery and primary education, while a junior and two secondary schools can take blind children right through to GCSE and A levels. Further education and training is available in four centres, and each region has an education support service.

Rehabilitating people who have become blind is an important part of the RNIB's work. Nimi Handa had been a teacher in Kenya until she lost her sight. When she moved to this country she needed a job to help pay towards her son's university education. There was a long waiting list for the typing course at the RNIB rehabilitation centre but their training advisor suggested that Mrs Handa, an expert knitter, should be taught to use a knitting machine and turn her hobby into a business. Mrs Handa learnt to read braille knitting patterns, though she tends to rely on her excellent memory to produce Aran sweaters.

Nineteen thousand blind people depend on braille to read and write. The RNIB is the biggest braille publisher in Europe, producing magazines such as the *TV Times*, books and leaflets and transcribing braille bank statements for many of the banks.

The Employment Network advises blind and partially sighted people and their employers on appropriate high-tech equipment. The RNIB also trains JobCentre staff to help blind people who are looking for work.

Even the most basic equipment, such as tapes, is an added expense for blind people. The RNIB's Benefits Rights Office helps more than 5,000 people a year to claim the financial help to which they are entitled. Other services include housing advice, subsidised holidays, and a mail order catalogue.

ROBIN MAYES

Face to face with the future — Stuart Robson with his four-year-old son James, who is learning how to live in a sighted world

The RNIB's income, over half of it from donations, legacies and income from investments, is £40 million, but with rising costs there is little spare to invest in new services.

The Looking Glass Appeal, launched in 1990, has raised £8 million to provide new classrooms and science laboratories in existing schools, and provided a new education centre in Wales and a resource centre in Northern Ireland.

The campaign forged links with companies including Asda, ICI and Littlewoods. The Looking Glass Appeal captured the imagination of organisations and their staff — David Smith Holdings raised £25,000 from fewer than 5,000 employees. The Cub Scouts adopted the RNIB as its special charity for its 75th anniversary and raised £120,000.

More than half the RNIB's expenditure — £22 million — goes on education, training and its access to information services, while less than 2p in every pound is spent on central administration.

John Wall, a blind lawyer and chairman of the institute, has seen significant changes in its management. Twenty years ago when he delivered his first report as a committee member he was given a round of applause. "Not", he explains, "because I did it well, but because I did it at all."

At that time the RNIB was dominated by sighted people. "Now the whole emphasis has changed to that of decision-making by blind people," he says.

Giving the RNIB a sharper identity

How calling in the experts led to a new image for the institute and a change of logo

In a world obsessed by images, it is sensible to sell soap or cars or jam by manipulating images: the name, the logo, the advertising colour-scheme. But spending hard-won money on image-*prinking for charities*?

The answer, as the charities have found, is that a memorable image helps to part people from their money. So when the *Royal National Institute* for the Blind (RNIB) began to plan for the years up to the 21st century, it invested in discovering what the public thought of it.

Then, with the help of Gavin Anderson, an agency which had helped Barnardos and others with corporate identity problems, it set about planning to make itself better remembered when it sought cash or when people came to make wills.

Its survey found that people think the RNIB does good work and is honest, solid and reliable. The bad news is that they also think it is old-fashioned, inaccessible, boring and bureaucratic; and if that was not enough, people confused the RNIB initials with the RNLI (lifeboats) or the RSPB (birds).

After much agonising, it was decided to stick with RNIB — name-changes take years to register in the public mind, during which time a lot of ground and money can be lost. But the little man-with-a-stick symbol who for years has tapped his way across RNIB leaflets, had to change.

Looked at with a cold eye, the RNIB symbol was too hesitant and pathetic a figure, shut in behind lines, as Juliet Jordan, a designer, realised. "I went to RNIB schools, hotels and hospitals and I saw that they have very modern up-to-date attitudes toward people with disabilities and use the latest technology to help them live normal lives," she says.

"The sad little enclosed figure really didn't convey anything about that. We all agreed that a figure with a long cane is a universally recognised symbol for people with visual impairment, so we stuck to that, but I tried to bring it up to date, to give it a more modern feeling with warmth and humanity: positive, jaunty, purposeful.

"The letters RNIB in the old symbol were enclosed in the stripes, difficult to read. In the new logo (above), they are very clear and almost like stepping stones with the figure marching across them. And we added the line "challenging blindness" which instantly identifies the RNIB and ensures it isn't confused with lifeboats or anything else."

The challenge theme is central to new RNIB thinking. A strategy plan says: "Most donors and decision-makers are unaware that there are a million blind and partially-sighted people in the UK and that the majority live in poverty, face barriers to education, employment and suitable housing, and have restricted access to public services, training and leisure opportunities." The RNIB must challenge attitudes toward blindness which permit such treatment, it declares.

The government appears high on the list of offenders. Official forms — tax, electoral registration, census, court summonses — are ignored at your peril, but are rarely supplied to blind people in a style they can read.

Leading the challenge will be a campaign for access to information; too often blind people have to depend on others to read their mail, from personal letters to tax forms, an intrusion and a humiliation. Yet for many, the RNIB says, all that prevents access is the clarity and size of print. For others, braille or tapes are needed.

It wants public bodies and businesses to follow the example of the big four banks, which will supply braille or large type statements; or of BT, which sends out bills in braille; or of Boots which publishes braille catalogues.

As the access to information campaign points out, businesses should remember that there are more than a million potential customers with sight problems. Central and local government should remember too that there are a million citizens, most of them voters, demanding the same rights as the rest of the community. That is an image which should stick in the memory.

BILL CATER

Facts and figures of blindness

- One million people in the United Kingdom are blind or partially sighted, and most people over 50 need glasses to read small print.
- Eye disease occurs mainly in elderly people and the very young: 88 per cent of visually-impaired people are over 60 years old, while 2 per cent are under sixteen; 10 per cent of the working population is blind or partially sighted.
- The main ocular problems in children are squints and "lazy" eyes. Rare conditions include injuries, hereditary conditions and congenital cataracts.
- For people in mid-life, diabetic retinopathy — which produces dark patches on the retina — is the most common eye disease.
- Cataracts (the loss of transparency in the lens), glaucoma (which causes tunnel vision), and macula degeneration are the main causes of visual impairment in the elderly.
- Many eye conditions can be treated if they are diagnosed at an early stage. Laser surgery is now a routine part of ophthalmic treatment. A recent advance in eye surgery has been the use of an ultrasonic probe, which allows for a quicker recovery of sight for the patient.
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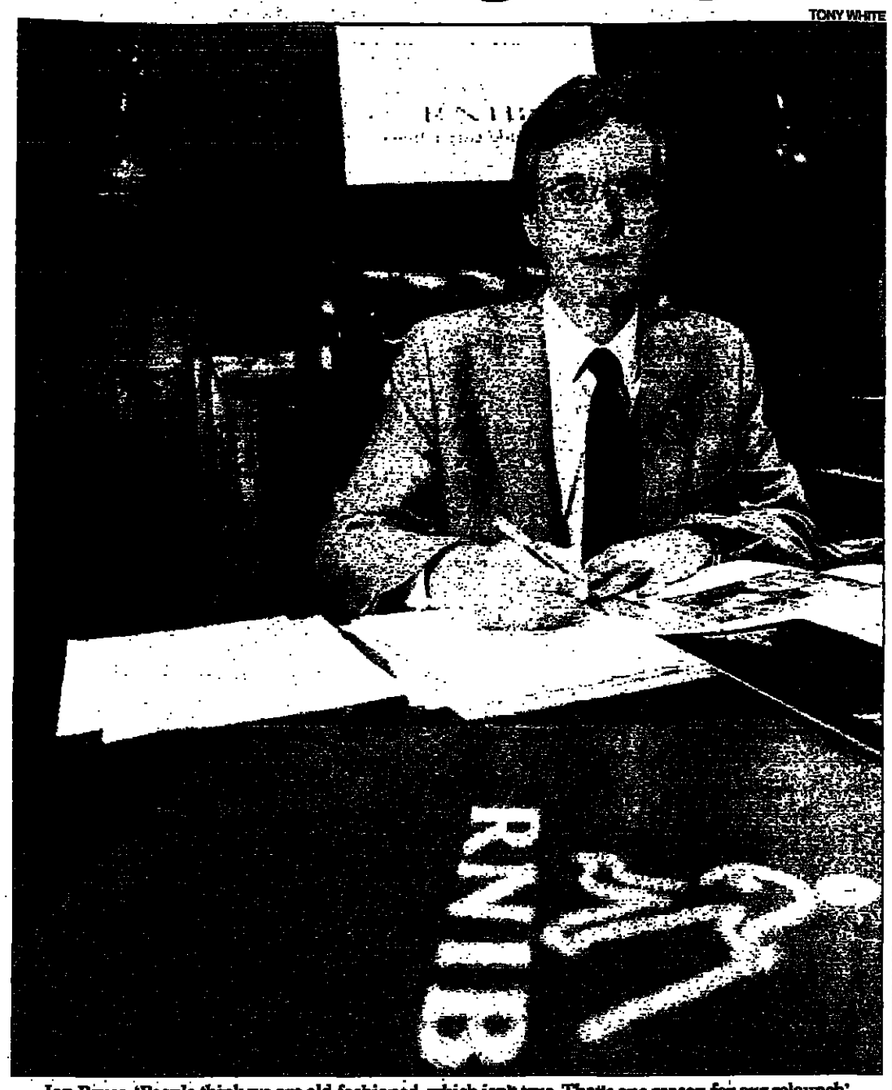
At the leading edge

The RNIB is modern and go-ahead, and it wants the world to know, says Bill Cater


TONY WHITE

Ian Bruce: 'People think we are old-fashioned, which isn't true. That's one reason for our relaunch'

Watching the launch of the RNIB's campaign to take it into the 21st century, Ian Bruce, the director general, might be forgiven if he said: "This is where I came in."

Mr Bruce has spent ten years with the Royal National Institute for the Blind, and 21 in the world of charity management. In 1970, when he was a manager marketing soap products for Unilever, the 25-year-old Mr Bruce walked into the office of a charity for old people. "I'll help you sell the problems of old people, using techniques I've learnt in marketing," he said. He was given a job.

On his first day, he wrote a memo declaring that his new employer, the National Old People's Welfare Council, had to change its uninspiring name; 11 months later the council was relaunched as Age Concern.

"It was the first charity, I think, to use market research to choose its name. We took 100 names and put them out to market research. Then we told the committee 'that's what the public wants'."

After four years with Age Concern he became, at 29, director of a national charity, the National Volunteer Centre. In 1981 he tried local government, becoming assistant chief executive of Hammersmith.

"Everybody thinks local government is badly managed. The reality is that it's very difficult to manage, with powerful forces pulling in different directions. I learnt a lot. But I like growing things, and local government for the past 15 or 20 years has been all about cuts."

So in November 1983, he was back to the charity world, joining the RNIB. Soon he was helping to plan new strategies — as he is again with the RNIB launch of ideas for the 21st century. Charities should, he believes, stop at intervals and plan where to go next.

In the past ten years, the RNIB has upped the number of services it provides from 40 to 60, increased spending by 60 per cent in real terms, and doubled the numbers of blind and partially-sighted people it reaches, to some 145,000. It has more than 2,000 staff and something like 25,000 volunteers.

But a recent survey found that there are four times as many blind and partially-sighted people as the RNIB — or the government — had believed; nearly a million. Perhaps half as many again have trouble making out ordinary print.

The limitation on reaching them, says Mr Bruce, is money. "If we could increase our income by 50 per cent, we could double the number we serve. But it is hard raising money in a recession.

"Trying to raise money means convincing people your cause is important and you can do the job best. Research shows we are highly regarded: people believe our cause is important, they think we are reliable, efficient and honest.

"But they also think we are old-fashioned, which isn't true. That's one reason why we are relaunching the RNIB's identity. We are in the forefront of technology for blind people: I could give half-a-dozen examples. We deliver an electronic version of a daily newspaper to blind people every morning before sighted people get their copies — a phenomenal technical challenge. We receive an electronic tape from the newspaper which we edit and transmit across the country, down TV aerials into personal computers, in such a form that a blind person can listen to it as speech, or read it in Braille or large print.

"And we are probably the most representative welfare charity — 65 per cent of our committee members are blind, the majority elected by organisations of blind and partially-sighted people. These elected blind people tell me what to do.

"We are trying to get across that we are not only reliable, efficient and honest, but also modern and go-ahead. But our work all depends on money. We hope to raise it by raising a lot more volunteers. We are in our 125th year, so we are aiming to recruit 125,000 fund-raising volunteers this year. It's going very well — simple things like coffee mornings, house-to-house collections."

The director-general picked up a small be-ribboned doll and grinned: "I just walked into the fund-raising department this morning, and had to buy that before I could get out."

Information is the key to self-determination

Campaigning to provoke action by government, media and business

Michael Hartley's local hospital in Cumbria said it was "far too difficult" to let him have a copy of its published proposals on becoming a trust. The "difficulty" was that Mr Hartley, who is blind, asked for the plans to be made available on tape.

When he pointed out that he had as much right to information about the proposals as a sighted person, the matter was referred to the regional health board, and a tape was sent to him.

"At first the hospital suggested that my wife read the trust proposal to me," Mr Hartley says. "People assume that there's someone around who will help. When a blind person gets a tax demand, or a bank statement, or any official document, why should they have to find someone sighted to tell them what it says?"

Information is the key to independence. Blind people need access to the same information as everyone else, but they may need it in a different format. To mark its 125th anniversary, the RNIB, which was founded to improve information available to blind and partially-sighted people, is launching the "See It Right" initiative, which aims to encourage publishers, the media, businesses and government to consider ways in which information can be more readily available to blind people.

"Often it can be as simple as increasing the print size of a publication," says Ros Oakley, manager of the RNIB's public policy unit. "We did a survey which found that nearly two-thirds of all blind and partially-sighted people are able to read print if it is clear enough. Increasing the print size on a document need cost no more than a few sheets of paper."

Most blind and partially-sighted people are over 65, many living alone. One-fifth of these, according to the RNIB, get out of the house less than once a week and rely on information from the telephone, radio and television or by post.

"It will be a huge task to make even the most essential information accessible to blind people", Ms Oakley says, "so the See It Right initiative will concentrate on three key areas of essential information that a blind person needs as a customer, citizen and resident."

Companies are beginning to realise that one million customers represents a significant amount of business. Boots sent out 10,000 braille and 20,000 taped catalogues last year. The Happy Eater chain recently introduced braille menus, something even a smaller restaurant, the Rani Indian vegetarian, in Finchley, north London, has done.

British Gas offers a talking-bill service which allows customers to ring for details of what they owe, while Essex Water and London Electricity offer taped bills. The four leading clearing banks offer customers the option to have large print or braille statements. Barclays Bank mails 60,000 each year.

Little of the important information sent out by the government, however, is available to blind people in a readable format. Ironically, the Citizen's Charter unit has only a limited number of charters available in tape or braille.

Linda Bell owes her council £2,000 in fines because she could not read their printed communications about the poll tax and refused to pay it on principle. Official information can carry legal or financial penalties, says Mrs Bell, and yet local government rarely presents it in an accessible form for blind people.

Advances in technology enable the written word to be swiftly converted into braille, but making information accessible to the visually-impaired need not be high-tech or expensive, says Michael Hartley. He is taking a literature course at Lancaster University. He says: "It costs nothing for the tutor to assess whether a course is suitable for blind people or to put the 'shaded eye' symbol on the prospectus."

Often the main barrier to getting information to blind people, says Mr Hartley, is that sighted people "just don't think about it". The RNIB's See It Right initiative aims to provoke thought and action.

WIDGET FINN

Computers put blind in business

Technology provides new opportunities for the visually impaired

MICHELLE OSBORNE runs her own business as a remedial therapist; John Plater reads his newspaper every morning before his neighbour's copy has come through the letterbox; Neil Heslop has a law degree and a job as business development manager with BT: technology is creating opportunities for blind people which seemed impossible a few years ago, *Widget Finn writes.*

Mr Heslop, who lost his sight while at university, knows from personal experience the importance of information technology in improving educational opportunities and career prospects for visually-impaired people. Together with two partially-sighted lawyers, he set up Blind in Business, a charity to help blind people become employable through technology.

"Schools for visually-impaired children can rarely afford the most advanced computer equipment," Mr Heslop says. "The trust's first project raised £35,000 to install a network of terminals with speech synthesizers at New College, the RNIB's school at Worcester."

Nearly two-thirds of all blind and partially-sighted people are able to read print. Every visually-impaired person can use a computer, "reading" the screen either through a large print system, a speech pack, or a braille display.

Software for a standard computer produces synthetic speech of a surprisingly high quality, or converts selected information from a screen into braille. In addition to these basic adaptations, there is now a wide range of specialised equipment designed for visually-impaired users, including a portable PC with speech synthesizer. The RNIB's employment network advises blind and partially-sighted people and their employers on the appropriate equipment for a particular job from a bewildering choice of new technology.

"Access to the correct equipment and training in its use vastly increases a blind person's chances of finding or keeping a job," says Sue Hitchcock, the manager of the RNIB's employment and development technology unit.

Technology is transforming the lives of blind and partially-sighted people, but low-tech aids still have a contribution to make. The Labour MP David Blunkett uses a combination of closed-circuit TV, braille software, a computer and scanner, and a hand-held tape machine to help do his job. But he still relies on a guide dog to take him to his seat in the House.

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MOTORING

Kevin Eason praises Europe's top diesel cars, but examines fears that their 'green' fuel may not be safer after all

Diesel: is it a risk to health?

After all the hype and the high expectations, it seems that thousands of motorists may have been barking up the wrong green tree. British drivers have only just latched onto the virtues of diesel after years of being pushed and cajoled to follow the rest of Europe.

However, as soon as we have discovered the benefits of machines offering improved fuel economy over petrol models, along comes the bad news. Reports due out soon from the environment and health departments are likely to condemn diesel as a health risk.

That will come as no surprise to anyone who has stood wheezing because of black smoke belching from the exhaust of passing buses. Diesel's image problems stem entirely from the generations of lorries and buses that have induced coughing in polluted city streets.

But there were high hopes that the new generation of diesel cars and lorries would dispel the traditional image of diesel as the dirty, smokey and smelly fuel of faded Fodens and battered Bedfords.

Manufacturers have sunk millions of pounds into developing cleaner diesels, a generation of cars which offer performance almost as good as their petrol-powered sister models yet can return fuel savings of between 15 and 25 per cent.

For the first time, the 100mpg car has become a reality — thanks to diesel in an age when motorists are seeking to cut costs to overcome the financial after-effects of the economic slump.

Tell motorists where they can cut as much as a third from their fuel bills and they soon sign up. Companies have as much, and more, to gain, with savings of an average £400 from every car in the fleet.

The timing was perfect in the UK, where the recessionary squeeze pushed thousands of drivers towards the attraction of cars that saved money — and they could think they were doing something for the environment because their cars were "greener" than petrol models.

Who says? The manufacturers have consistently claimed that diesel is cleaner than petrol. Modern diesel engines emit less than a third of the unburnt hydrocarbons — which can help cause smog and chemical rain — of a petrol engine; 1 per cent of the carbon monoxide, which destroys the ozone layer, and a third of the carbon dioxide, which is largely blamed for global warming. So diesels were cleaner ... at least before the introduction of the catalytic converter to petrol engines. Now, the jury is out.

> Diesels were cleaner ... before petrol engines had catalytic converters

By law, all petrol-driven cars made after January 1 this year must have catalysts, and reports from studies in London and Birmingham suggest that these cars are much cleaner than diesel models.

Catalysts largely solve the problem of unburnt hydrocarbons and the saving on carbon dioxide in diesels comes simply from burning less fuel. If petrol cars are more fuel-efficient, the benefits of diesel dwindle.

But diesels do pump out one-and-a-half times more nitrous oxides — emissions which contribute to acid rain and are linked to respiratory diseases and even defoliating trees and eroding buildings. There is also more sulphur dioxide, another acid rain contributor.

Then there are particulates, microscopic pieces of soot, which scientists believe we breathe in as we walk through towns and cities.

The evidence is not yet certain, but scientists are increasingly coming round to the view that diesel particulates may be to blame for large increases in asthma attacks among town dwellers.

That is not the sort of evidence that the motor industry, particularly continental manufacturers, will want to hear when the reports are published later in the year.

Manufacturers have thrown themselves at the case for diesel, leading to a rise in sales. Only 5 per cent of all new cars sold in 1989 were diesel; last month, diesel sales stood at a record 20 per cent.

Several manufacturers are making their names as a result. Peugeot, for example, Europe's biggest maker of diesel engines, has been making hay in Britain with its market share heading for 8 per cent, its highest ever, thanks mainly to the growth of diesel. Volkswagen says its diesel sales are up nearly 75 per cent so far this year.

This is little wonder since fleet buyers are falling over themselves to get their drivers into diesel-powered cars.

Will they continue to be so enthusiastic if it is found that diesel is damaging the environment?

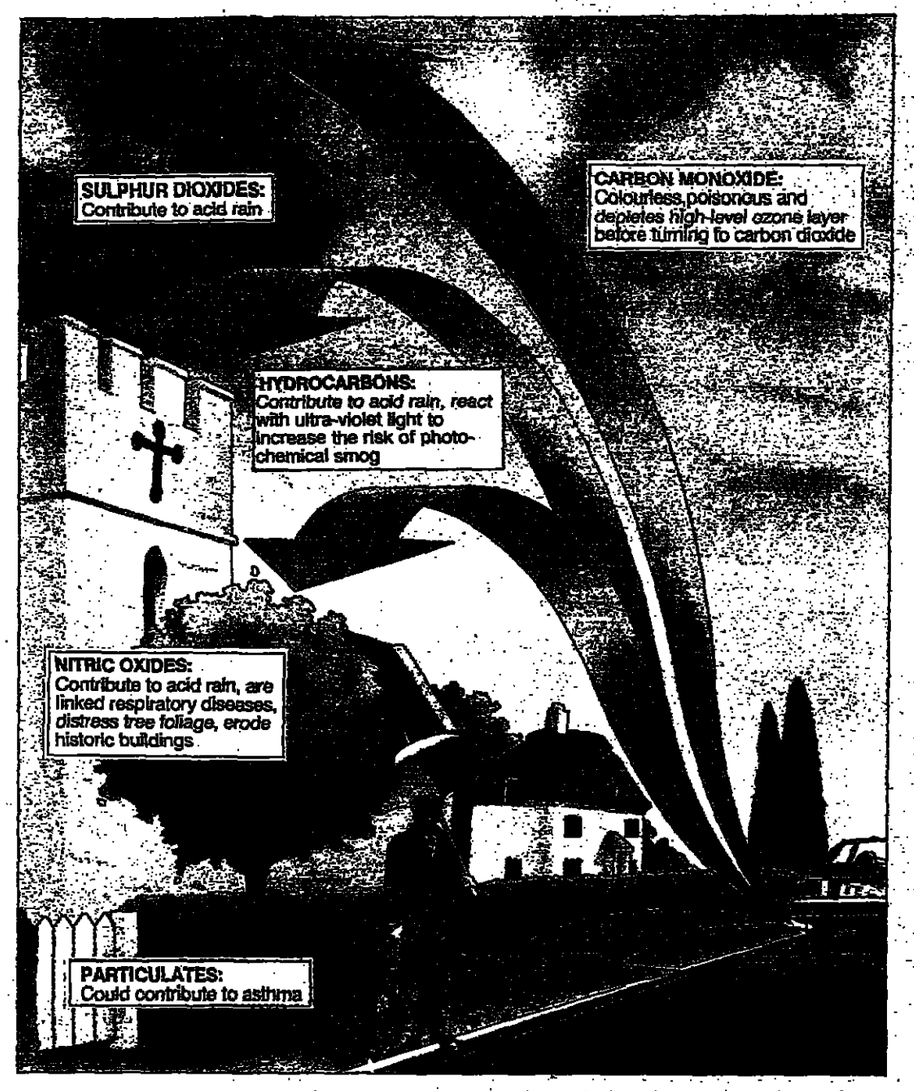
Geoff Becque, the managing director of Leasecontracts, says: "Every major client I have is getting or looking at diesels, but something like this will make them think twice."

Friends of the Earth is already on the offensive, complaining to the Advertising Standards Authority about advertisements by Peugeot, Lucas and Esso which claim diesel is "green".

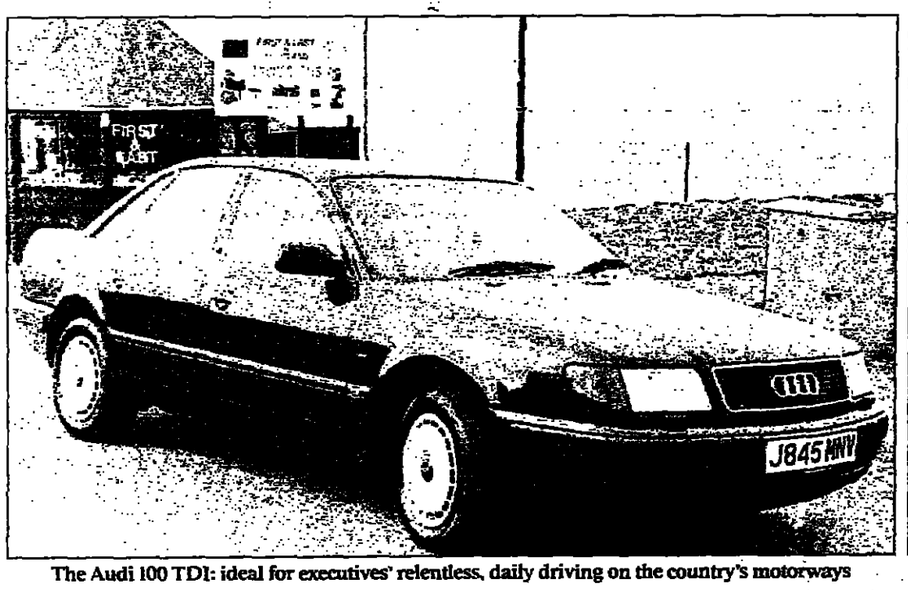
Fiona Weir, the organisation's spokesperson, says: "There is no evidence for that claim. There are advantages to diesel but there are plenty of worries about what diesel does to the environment.

"We know the car-makers say that diesel is greener than petrol, but that case has not been proved beyond doubt. What seems to be happening is that we discover that diesel is not as green as catalyic converters.

"We are also hearing now that diesel may have many effects on health which are very worrying. We need to know the facts and know them so that people can make a proper judgment."



Diesel: the only rattle is the change in your pocket



The Audi 100 TDI: ideal for executives' relentless, daily driving on the country's motorways

The Citroën Xantia 1.9TD SX: a long-distance cruiser with 400-mile intervals between re-fuelling

> A frugal reputation has been enhanced by improved performance

The lure of driving a diesel car becomes all too apparent as soon as you look at the fuel gauge. It is the slowest-moving piece of machinery in a Citroën Xantia diesel.

Fears are growing over diesel's environmental unfriendliness, but there are no doubts over its efficiency and economy. The new-generation diesels are at least driver-friendly and, more importantly, decidedly cheaper to run, although they sometimes cost a little more to buy than petrol cars.

Within the space of two weeks, I have driven two models back-to-back to test the claims of manufacturers that the dreadful days of diesel, the smelly rattlers, are gone.

From the top bracket came the Audi 100 TDI. £22,000-worth of executive saloon that could swish any managing director from one end of the country to the other in comfort.

From the mid-price bracket, the model for the sales rep or district nurse, comes the stylish Citroën Xantia 1.9TD SX. £8,000 cheaper but still a luxurious long-distance cruiser.

Significantly, both cars are made on the Continent where diesel has long been popular. They account for 30 per cent of all sales in France, which is why PSA (the combined Peugeot-Citroën group) is Europe's biggest diesel manufacturer.

The Xantia gets the tried and trusted Peugeot group 1.9-litre engine with a turbo-charger to give performance as good as most petrol-powered models.

Apart from a hint of a rattle at idling, the diesel engine's noise is so well suppressed and the ride and drive so smooth that it is almost impossible to tell it from a petrol-engined model in the Xantia range.

I liked the car a lot. I have never been sure of Citroën's strange self-levelling suspension system, which seems to have the car "surfing" unnaturally, but that is a quirk I could live with, given the Xantia's many other assets.

Interior space is generous, the driving position and instruments excellent and the boot cavernous enough to swallow several Sainsbury's carrier bags with supplies to feed a regiment.

Best of all, there is no need to visit the local filling station until the trip-mileage counter has wound itself well beyond 400 miles — giving a calming 45 miles to the gallon on average in town and on motorways.

The Audi, however, takes diesel driving on to another and somewhat higher plain. The 100 may look dull (styling has never been Audi's strength) but it shows its performance on the motorway.

I tested a model with a six-speed manual gearbox. Slip into sixth and the car is barely jogging along at the motorway speed limit, so quiet and relaxed is the ride. If I had to drive a relentless, daily routine for my living, I cannot think of a better vehicle in which to do it in than Audi's turbo-diesel. It is as quick and effortless as any petrol car yet offers the frugality of diesel — worth nearly 48mpg on average. Astonishing, given the size of the car.

Audi has fitted an oxidisation catalyst to the car. This is similar to catalysts in petrol cars and attempts to clean up emissions of particulates and nitrous oxides.

Both the Citroën and the Audi prove that diesel gives the sort of savings that make the private motorist and the fleet manager drool. The only question which remains unanswered is are these diesels green? The sooner the experts stop arguing among themselves and issue an official report the better.

KEVIN EASON

ROADTEST DETAILS

AUDI 100 TDI

Price: £22,199 (for six-speed SE version as tested)

Engine: 2.5-litre, four-cylinder diesel, turbo-charged for 115 barke horse power through six-speed gearbox and front wheels. Oxidisation catalyst fitted to cut exhaust gas emmissions

Performance: 0-62mph in 11.2sec, top speed 121mph and fuel economy 37.2mpg around town.

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Price: £13,950

Engine: 1.9-litre, four-cylinder diesel for 92 bake horse power through five-speed gearbox and front-wheels

Performance: 0-60mph in 11.6sec, top speed 111mph, fuel economy 37.2mpg around town

The Blenheim, with a second world war Blenheim fighter-bomber in the background

New reminder of great old days

> The Blenheim reveals the best in car engineering and design

Its name comes from a golden age when cars were made to fit the customer, rather like a Savile Row suit had to be made to fit the man, *Kevin Eason writes.*

Bristol Cars is a curious anachronism in the modern motor industry. It still makes its breed of high-performance models with names taken from the Bristol aircraft which were so prominent during the second world war.

This week, the company announced the launch of the Blenheim, a new car for 1994 and its first for 11 years.

Only about 8,000 cars have been made since the car company was set up in 1946 by the Bristol Aeroplane Company to soak up excess production capacity. The first cars were based on BMW models, the designs coming to Britain as part of the war reparations.

However, it was not long before the Bristol had taken on its own distinctive style to become a name that ranked with Rolls-Royce, Bentley and Aston Martin.

In 1973, Tony Crook, the former racing driver, acquired all the shares in the car business and added more of his own personal spice to the mix. After 30 years in charge, he still test-drives the company's cars in development. When that job is completed, he acts as chief salesman in the company's West End showrooms in London.

His personal registration plate, MPH 100, appears on every new Bristol at launch, just as it has on the new Blenheim.

The car is the traditional combination of English craftsmanship and power from a Chrysler 5.9-litre and four-speed gearbox.

The big V8 engine is so lazy and relaxed through a transmission locked into overdrive that even when cruising at 70mph on the motorway, it is spinning at only 1,780 revolutions a minute — about two-thirds the speed of most family saloons.

That means the Blenheim will return 30mpg of unleaded petrol at a constant 70mph, a pretty mean comparison with most cars in its class, which tend to guzzle the gas.

However, there is always one drawback to buying a car with hand-made English wood and leather interior and bespoke coachwork. In this case, it is exactly £109,980. This includes all delivery charges.

FEEDBACK

Would you pass your test today?

The moment we throw away the L-plates is the moment bad driving habits set in, *Tim Jones writes.* To discover just how bad mine were — in late middle age — I took the driving test in the City of London's competition to find its most caring driver.

After 30 years of sitting behind the steering wheel, my pride was pricked when told by Derek Ransome, a qualified driving instructor, that, had I been taking my test, I would have failed. He sweetened the pill by saying he did not feel suicidal during our 30-minute drive through the City. However, that did little to my confidence, particularly when he identified a number of faults which would have resulted in the retention of a provisional licence.

Mr Ransome — who is spearheading the campaign by the corporation aimed at fostering safer and more considerate motoring — says the driving sins that make him cringe are caused by aggression or lack of consideration. He emphasises, for example, that pedestrians have the right to cross a road.

There is little doubt that the way so many of us drive could catch us out. Since the test, I have found myself concentrating harder on the basics.

"Most motorists have bad habits," Mr Ransome says. "After years of driving, many should book an hour with a driving school so their faults can be ironed out.

"We are not seeking to intimidate motorists or to undermine their confidence. Our campaign is aimed at making life for them and other road users better."

Motorists who want to take the test can contact Mr Ransome on 071-332 1569. The same scheme is being run by Kensington and Chelsea council (071-938 2369).

Queue here

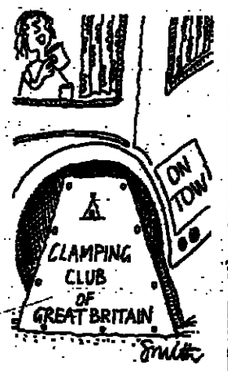
VAUXHALL is trying to find Britain's most talented young driver. From October 3, more than 30 finalists, aged between 17 and 24 and chosen from 1,000 entrants, line up to pit their skills in front of advanced driving instructors from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents. The prize is a holiday in Spain.

Astra recall

MORE than 7,000 Astra turbo-diesel models made from May, 1992, are being recalled by Vauxhall. The cars need the re-routing of an engine wiring harness away from the power steering system. Work is free at Vauxhall dealers. Enquiries can be answered on 0800 318206.

Staying put

WANT to stop your caravan being stolen? The manufacturers of the wheel clamp have developed a version for caravans called the Caravan



Eezi-fit. It costs £49.95 from Lionweld Kennedy at Middlesbrough in Cleveland.

Small favourite

EVERY shape and size of the Mini will be on display at the Castle Combe circuit, Chippenham, Wiltshire, on Saturday, September 25. The MiniWorld Action Day expects to have every sort of model from the 1959 originals to present-day Coopers and special versions. The day starts at 9am; admission £4, children and pensioners £2.

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NEWS

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■ John Major was warned by friend and foe that he would have to sharpen his performance if he is to escape from the crisis engulfing his leadership.

As the prime minister and his colleagues attempted to shrug off the latest assault on him from Norman Lamont, depressed MPs from both sides of the party agreed that Mr Major must take a firmer grip in order to to avoid a potentially critical challenge this autumn or next ..... **Pages 1, 2**

Tough new sentencing guidelines

■ Under new sentencing guidelines for magistrates being published today, many more offenders will face immediate imprisonment. Magistrates are to be told that custody is the presumed penalty for certain offences, among them assault on the police, burglary and violent disorder ..... **Page 1**

Bosnia deal

As events move inexorably toward the creation of greater Serbia and greater Croatia, President Alija Izetbegovic of Bosnia took yet another step towards the dissolution of Bosnia-Herzegovina in a deal made in Switzerland..... **Pages 1, 9**

Ceasefire violated

Eduard Shevardnadze's position as Georgian leader worsened drastically as rebels in the autonomous republic of Abkhazia violated a six-week ceasefire to attack Sukhumi, the regional capital..... **Page 9**

BBC warning

The BBC still has a long way to go to get its royal charter renewed and must drop its "auntie knows best" attitude, Peter Brooke the Heritage Secretary, said... **Page 1**

Clinton appeal

President Clinton has urged President Assad of Syria to take action over Palestinian extremists based in Damascus who are denouncing the peace accord between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation..... **Page 10**

Venables accused

Terry Venables was alleged to have unlawfully obtained a £1 million loan and to have abused his position as chief executive of Tottenham Hotspur, from which he was sacked in May..... **Page 2**

Titanic theory

A study has concluded that hundreds more passengers might have been saved when the *Titanic* struck an iceberg on its transatlantic maiden voyage in 1912 if the luxurious ocean liner had not been made of such poor-quality steel..... **Page 11**

Teenager murdered

Jonathan Roberts, 17, a teenager with glittering prospects, was murdered when he pursued a suspected shoplifter from the supermarket where he worked part-time ..... **Pages 1, 3**

Hurd attack

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said that Peking should not be awarded the 2000 Olympic Games. Any such decision by the Olympic committee at its meeting in Monte Carlo on September 23 would be a "bad choice". **Page 11**

Star's probation

Duncan Ferguson, of Glasgow Rangers, Britain's most expensive footballer, narrowly escaped a jail sentence when he was put on probation for a year for assaulting a man..... **Page 5**

Florida advice

New safety advice for British tourists holidaying in Florida was issued by the Foreign Office as police interviewed two youths aged 13 and 15 who may be linked to the murder at a roadside rest area of British holidaymaker, Gary Colley..... **Page 3**

Tourism success

Overseas visitors to Britain increased last year by 8 per cent to a record 18.5 million, marking out the tourist industry as a recession beater..... **Page 7**

Admirals to torpedo the Wrens

■ The Women's Royal Naval Service, which survived two world wars, is to be scrapped and the 4,500 serving Wrens integrated into the Royal Navy. With women increasingly taking on men's jobs both on shore and at sea, ministers and the navy's all-male admirals have decided that there is no longer any need for a separate service ..... **Pages 1, 3**

Windsurfer James Andrews who is taking Southern Water to court alleging that he contracted hepatitis from its waters. Page 3

BUSINESS

Unemployment: The number out of work rose again, prompting fears that the economic recovery is in danger of stalling. Seasonally-adjusted unemployment increased by 5,800 to 2,922,100, while unadjusted unemployment rose by 30,620 to 2,959,964 ..... **Page 23**

Mirror: John Talbot, administrator of Robert Maxwell Holdings, has told the board of Mirror Group Newspapers that he intends soon to sell the 54.8 per cent stake that he controls ..... **Page 23**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 rose 14.5 points to close at 3003.9. Sterling's index fell from 81.2 to 80.5, a fall from $1.5547 to $1.5325 and from DM2.4715 to DM2.4612..... **Page 26**

Motor racing: Michael Andretti has quit Formula One to return to IndyCar racing. Oliver Holt tells how critics of the struggling American driver say he drove quicker to the airport than he ever did on the track..... **Page 39**

Triathlon: Women competitors in the Bupa International Triathlon at Bath on Sunday are protesting that they are not being given a big enough head start to have a chance of competing with men .... **Page 44**

Golf: Ian Woosnam hit a 64 to lead the field after the first round of the £550,000 Lancome Trophy tournament at St Nom la Bretche, Paris. England's Mark James was on his heels with a 66 ..... **Page 44**

Lady Harlech: "I spend my life going to theatre, film, opera, ballet ... Laughter, and friends — what else matters?"..... **Page 13**

Libby Purves: What does the honest journalist do when well-known people tick the "no publicity" box for everything concerning their private life?..... **Page 13**

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Star-spangled banners: The choice of exhibits for the big new retrospective of 20th-century American art at the Royal Academy and Saatchi Gallery has caused heated debate. The show demonstrates, says Richard Cork, that "American art's undisputed dominance has faltered"..... **Page 35**

Attic updated: The first new production of English National Opera's season is a staging of *La Bohème* that updates the action to the late 20th century..... **Page 35**

Rock on Friday: Caitlin Moran tries to corner Curve; David Sinclair reviews the latest album from John Mellencamp; plus Grant Lee Buffalo in concert ..... **Page 37**

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Michael Portillo, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, argues that it is ethical for the Government to resist calls for increases in public spending
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Paul Keating, the Australian prime minister, will be told by the Queen that republicanism is a matter for the people to decide
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Nigel Short drew the fifth *Times* World Championship chess game, showing that he could yet mount an effective counter-challenge
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THE TIMES TOMORROW

The casualty ward robes

■ What the nurses in *Casualty* slip into after a hard day amid the "blood and bonhomie" of television's popular medical soap opera. Weekend

Fallout leaves

■ Alan Coren ponders the imminent prospect of a nuclear autumn, the irradiated season for gathering mushroom clouds. Weekend

Test of time for Stoppard

■ Has *Travesties* stood the test of time? Benedict Nightingale reviews the Royal Shakespeare Company's new production of Tom Stoppard's 1974 play

Angus Deayton, Geoffrey Perkins and the team are back with a new series of tilts at television, starting with a spoof costume drama. *KYTV: The Making of David Chizzlenut* (BBC2, 10pm)..**Page 43**

The bell tolls on

Despite Mr Major's attempts to avoid a challenge to his position this autumn, the message from the country and the Conservative Party rings muffled but loud against him..... **Page 15**

Nothing personal

Republic or monarchy, Australia will still command respect, affectionate sporting rivalry and friendship in this country..... **Page 15**

Beaches and bullets

However spine-chilling the accounts of killings in Florida, people who cancel can hardly be said to be acting rationally..... **Page 15**

BERNARD LEVIN

It is not with irony that the Tibetans' terrible fate has been called "cultural genocide". For the threat that Tibetans must fear the most is that they will be swamped by the Chinese. And if this comes to pass, Tibet will not survive, either inside or outside the country ..... **Page 14**

PHILIP HOWARD

The final act of matrimony is melodramatic in all cultures, a matter of boats being burnt, terror and wild regrets. But a recent wedding has done its bit to increase the melodrama and hair-bristling of that last pregnant pause..... **Page 14**

Arts luminaries protest against the BBC's proposal to remove Radio 4 from long wave..... **Page 15**

Florida's decision to cease all advertising for tourists amounts to an official admission that criminality has gone out of control and that the State can no longer pretend otherwise. — *The Wall Street Journal*

It would be a political tragedy if a world that can only benefit from peace between Arabs and Israelis fails to do its share — *The Los Angeles Times*

That China has released Wei Jingsheng from his hellish isolation in the gulag is good news for this remarkable man. But the system that put him there remains ready to run over the next Wei — *The Wall Street Journal*

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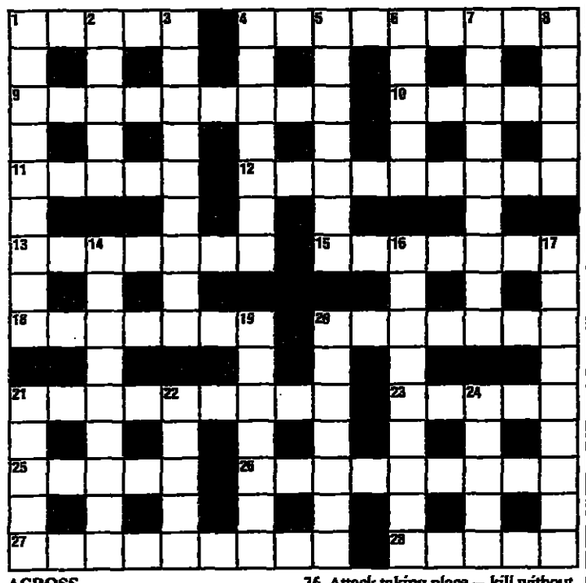

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1 Escort from falling house (5).
4 His best work is rarely picked (9).
9 Standard accommodation, we hear, for capital city (9).
10 Former loved one, by Elizabeth beheaded (5).
11 Restrain murderer — put hothead inside (5).
12 Stupid, dull men I repeatedly enlightened (9).
13 Determination to separate (7).
15 Bring back thick cheese in thin fabric (7).
18 Person who's contemptuous of French recommendation (7).
20 Ancestor's decline (7).
21 Characters in Agen could blend this sort of wine (9).
23 At end of elephant, about trunk (5).
25 Strikes son with strap? Just the reverse (5).
26 Attack taking place — kill without hesitation (9).
27 Person occasionally working with hair, such as Delilah (9).
28 Dorothy's skirts are so smart (5).

DOWN

1 Free a French male, rescued somehow (9).
2 Assembling contents of the job lot, the lad makes such a fuss (3-2).
3 Started firing again in part of army character commanded (9).
4 Rugby player is last in side to turn into hero (7).
5 Arrived with something for sale in royal town (7).
6 Energy shown by second eleven (5).
7 Not to be trusted, in the main, since reckless (9).
8 Group casting vote in poll (5).
14 Severe on a marine using violence (6-3).
16 The best writing is based on direct experience (5-4).
17 Expose important person it's okay to take off (9).
19 Symbol of English house wines (3,4).
20 Concentrates on coffee, initially, in blends (7).
21 Last character registered was a composer (5).
22 Various tunes still to be composed (5).
24 Queen, say, with an evil princess (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,337

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WEATHER

Scotland and Northern Ireland will brighten up after a chilly start. Western Scotland should see most of the showers. England and Wales will probably be quite cloudy during the morning with showery rain in places. But the weather will brighten through the day, with sunny spells and just a scattering of showers. It will be a fairly warm day, though still quite cool on the east coast. Outlook: starting fine and dry, rain spreading from west later.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	25	77	s	Madrid	21	70	s
Alcudia	30	86	s	Majorca	27	81	s
Alex'dria	35	95	s	Malaga	31	88	s
Algiers	30	86	s	Malta	29	84	s
Amst'dm	14	57	d	Melb'rne	13	55	r
Athens	29	84	s	Miami*	28	84	r
Bahrain	34	93	s	Milan	22	72	r
Bangkok	33	91	t	Montreal*	15	59	r
Barbados*	29	82	s	Moscow	6	43	c
Barcelona	23	73	r	Munich	16	61	c
Beirut	31	88	s	Nairobi	24	75	r
Belgrade	25	77	s	Naples	24	75	r
Berlin	15	59	r	N Delhi	32	90	r
Bermuda*	29	84	r	N York*	31	88	s
Biarritz	20	68	s	Nice	24	75	s
Borde'x	20	68	c	Oslo	9	48	r
Brussels	13	55	r	Paris	17	63	r
Budapst	22	72	s	Peking	25	77	r
B Aires*	23	73	s	Perth	17	63	c
Cairo	36	97	s	Prague	17	63	r
Cape Tn	19	66	s	Reykjavik	10	50	r
Chicago*	12	54	c	Rhodes	31	88	s
Ch'church	11	52	r	Rio de J	26	79	r
Cologne	13	55	c	Riyadh	39	102	s
C'pnagn	9	48	c	Rome	28	79	r
Corfu	26	82	s	Salzburg	15	59	c
Dublin	13	55	r	S F'isco*	17	63	c
Dubrovnik	24	75	r	Santiago*	11	52	c
Faro	23	73	s	S Paulo*	18	64	r
Florence	23	73	c	Seoul	27	81	r
Frankfurt	16	61	c	Singapor	31	88	s
Funchal	24	75	c	Stckhlm	7	45	r
Geneva	18	64	s	Strasb'rg	18	64	r
Gibraltar	27	81	s	Sydney	20	68	s
Helsinki	9	48	r	Tangier	24	75	s
Hong K	31	88	r	Tel Aviv	33	91	s
Innsbruck	18	64	r	Tenerife	24	75	c
Istanbul	27	81	s	Tokyo	29	84	r
Jeddah	37	99	r	Toronto*	13	55	c
Jo'burg*	27	81	s	Tunis	32	90	s
Karachi	32	90	r	Valencia	29	84	s
L Palmas	25	77	r	Vanc'ver*	16	61	r
La Tpust	14	57	r	Venice	22	72	r
Lisbon	19	66	r	Vienna	20	68	r
Locarno	19	66	s	Warsaw	19	66	r
L Angele*	21	70	c	Washton*	32	90	s
Luxembg	14	57	c	Wellngton	13	55	s
Luxor	40	104	s	Zurich	14	57	c

* denotes figures are least available

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 14C (57F); min 6pm to 6am, 11C (52F). Humidity: 6pm, 69 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.11ins. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,009.4 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

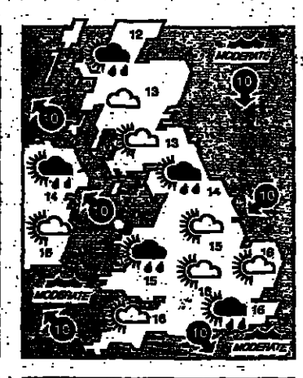
Wednesday: Highest day temp: Cardiff 18C (64F); lowest day max: Drumalin, Strathclyde 9C (48F); highest rainfall: Ryde, Isle of Wight 1.18in, highest sunshine: Stornoway, Western Isles 10.1hr.

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 13C (55F); min 6pm to 6am, 9C (48F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.05in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil.

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 15C (59F); min 6pm to 6am, 7C (45F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 5.9hr.

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	0.7	0.06	12	54	shower
Anglesey	-	0.34	13	55	rain
Ayr/more	3.4	0.01	11	52	cloudy
Belfast	0.9	0.01	13	55	cloudy
Birmingham	-	-	12	54	shower
Bognor Regis	2.5	0.19	13	55	rain
Bristol	2.3	-	15	59	bright
Cardiff	5.6	0.06	18	64	shower
Clacton	4.6	0.02	15	59	sunny
Colwyn Bay	-	0.33	13	55	shower
Edinburgh	0.2	0.17	12	54	shower
Eskdalemuir	1.9	0.20	10	50	shower
Exmouth	1.3	-	16	61	cloudy
Falmouth	8.2	-	17	63	bright
Folkestone	3.2	0.40	15	59	rain
Glasgow	0.9	-	14	57	cloudy
Hastings	0.4	0.18	14	57	rain
Honiton	-	0.83	14	57	rain
Isle of Man	1.2	0.54	13	55	rain
Jersey	1.3	0.73	15	59	rain
Kinloss	5.5	0.05	13	55	shower
Leeds	1.0	0.24	13	55	shower
Lerwick	6.7	-	11	52	sunny
Littlehampton	0.2	0.13	14	57	rain
Liverpool	-	0.27	13	55	cloudy
London	4.3	-	17	63	cloudy
Lowestoft	2.0	-	16	61	bright
Manchester	0.1	0.48	13	55	cloudy
Morecambe	0.8	0.61	14	57	cloudy
Newcastle	-	0.46	11	52	shower
Nottingham	-	0.50	12	54	rain
Penzance	6.2	0.05	17	63	shower
Plymouth	3.5	0.02	17	63	sunny
Poole	0.8	0.08	14	57	rain
Salcombe	1.4	0.20	17	63	cloudy
Sandown	0.2	0.59	13	55	bright
Stornoway	8.5	-	17	63	sunny
Scarborough	0.8	0.70	12	54	cloudy
Scilly Isles	3.8	-	16	61	bright
Southsea	1.0	0.17	14	57	rain
Stornoway	10.1	0.03	12	54	shower
Swanage	0.1	0.09	13	55	rain
Teignmouth	1.8	-	16	61	cloudy
Tenby	5.0	0.01	16	61	sunny
Tiree	6.5	-	13	55	bright
Torquay	1.7	0.09	17	63	shower
Weymouth	0.2	0.01	14	57	rain
Wick	4.3	0.02	12	54	shower

These are Wednesday's figures



London 7.41 pm to 6.03 am
Bristol 7.50 pm to 6.18 am
Edinburgh 7.55 pm to 6.18 am
Manchester 7.50 pm to 6.18 am
Penzance 8.02 pm to 6.31 am

Sun rises: 6.39 am — Sun sets: 7.11 pm
Moon sets: 7.20 pm — Moon rises: 6.34 am
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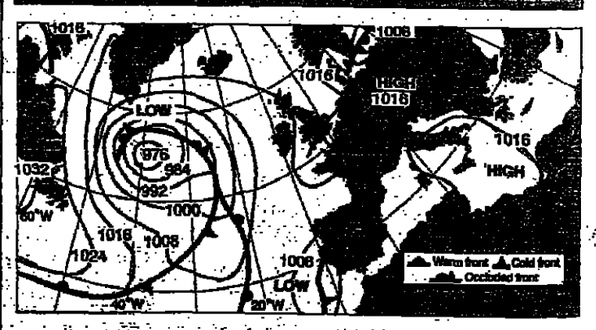
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	12	54	f	Guernsey	15	59	s
B'mingham	13	55	c	Inverness	11	52	f
Blackpool	12	54	r	Jersey	16	61	f
Bristol	14	57	f	London	13	55	c
Cardiff	15	59	c	M'chester	13	55	c
Edinburgh	11	52	c	Newcastle	10	50	r
Glasgow	13	55	f	R'nldeway	13	55	f

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.09	7.6	3.25	7.2	Liverpool	12.18	10.2	12.42	10.1
Aberdeen	2.17	4.8	2.32	4.5	Lowestoft	10.41	2.8	11.22	2.5
Aylsmouth	8.47	14.1	9.03	14.4	Margate	1.14	5.0	1.19	5.1
Belfast	—	—	12.28	3.5	Milford Haven	7.38	7.6	7.57	7.8
Cardiff	8.32	13.0	8.47	13.2	Newquay	8.28	7.5	8.47	7.7
Devonport	7.18	5.7	7.34	6.0	Oban	7.08	4.1	7.23	4.4
Dover	12.01	6.9	12.25	7.1	Penzance	6.14	5.8	6.31	6.1
Falmouth	6.48	5.5	7.04	5.8	Portland	8.22	2.3	8.39	2.4
Glasgow	2.05	8.2	2.48	8.6	Portsmouth	12.23	5.0	12.52	5.1
Harwich	1.08	4.2	1.24	4.3	Shoreham	12.15	6.6	12.44	6.7
Holyhead	11.36	5.9	11.57	6.2	Southampton	—	—	12.18	4.9
Hull	7.29	8.1	8.02	8.0	Swansea	7.48	10.4	8.07	10.7
Ilfracombe	7.25	9.9	7.45	10.1	Tees	4.50	5.9	5.20	5.8
King's Lynn	7.45	7.3	8.22	7.2	W'ton-on-Nze	12.58	4.5	1.12	4.5
Leith	3.44	6.1	4.18	5.9					



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Australia $	2.465	2.265
Austria Sch	18.39	18.89
Belgium Fr	55.91	51.51
Canada $	2.147	1.957
Cyprus CypE	0.780	0.730
Denmark Kr	10.73	9.93
Finland Mrk	9.45	8.65
France Fr	9.09	8.39
Germany Dm	2.615	2.405
Greece Dr	369.50	344.50
Hong Kong $	12.61	11.61
Ireland Pt	1.11	1.03
Italy Lira	2481.00	2228.00
Japan Yen	179.00	159.00
Malta Mlir	0.596	0.588
Netherlands Gld	2.930	2.700
Norway Kr	11.35	10.55
Portugal Esc	269.50	245.00
South Africa Rd	5.50	5.00
Spain Pta	206.00	192.00
Sweden Kr	12.80	12.00
Switzerland Fr	2.282	2.102
Turkey Lire	18600.00	17600.00
USA $	1.642	1.512

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German mark.... 2.4612 (-0.0103)
Exchange index..... 80.5 (-0.7)
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STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 3003.9 (+14.5)
Dow Jones ..... 3624.98 (-8.67)*
Nikkei Avg .. 20502.15 (-445.64)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month Interbank..... 5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5⁷⁄₈%
US Federal Funds:..... 3%*
3-month Treas Bills. 2.96-2.94%*
Long Bond 6.00%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.5330*	£:$	1.5310
$:DM	1.6065*	£:DM	2.4588
$:SWfr	1.4015*	£:SWfr	2.1472
$:Fr	5.6080*	£:Fr	8.5880
$:Yen	104.40*	£:Yen	160.61
£:SDR	1.0828	£:ECU	1.2897

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 350.40 ..... PM 352.75
Close 351.90-352.40
New York:
Comex 352.75-353.25*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI... ..... 141.3 August (1.7%)
* Denotes midday trading price

Jobless figures rise for second month running

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

THE level of unemployment in the UK rose again last month, prompting fears that the economic recovery is in danger of stalling.

New government figures, also published yesterday, show that earnings increases are still running well ahead of inflation and may have stopped falling — suggesting both Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and the Confederation of British Industry may be facing difficulties in securing the wage bill freezes they have proposed respectively for public and private sectors.

Unemployment rose in August for the second month in succession, according to figures from the employment department. Seasonally adjusted unemployment, seen as the best guide to the trend, increased by 5,800 to 2,922,100, while the actual number of people out of work rose by 30,620 to 2,959,964.

Revisions to the July unemployment figure helped push up the total. Last month, the government announced unemployment in July had risen by 200, the first rise after five monthly falls. Yesterday, officials said this increase had been revised to 4,300. The August increase is on top of this figure, making a rise of 9,900 for the two months.

Michael Forsyth, the employment minister, said the "small rise" was "not unexpected at this stage of the recovery when individual monthly figures will vary."

Frank Dobson, Labour's employment spokesman, said the figures were "bad news for people out of work, especially our young people, bad news for the people in work who are scared for their jobs, bad news for the taxpayer and bad news for the economy".

Male unemployment fell by 2,000 while unemployment among women rose by 7,800, a repeat of the July pattern. The total number out of work and claiming benefit rose in all regions, except East Anglia, Scotland and the South West.

While separate figures from the government's quarterly *Labour Force Survey*, also published yesterday, confirmed the surprise fall in unemployment last spring, Whitehall statisticians were unable to give any assessment of the current trend, given that the monthly figures were fluctuating so markedly.

Ministers stressed the importance of a 20,000 increase in employment in the second quarter of the year, the first rise in jobs for three years.

On pay, the underlying year-on-year rate of earnings increases was the same in July as in the previous month — 3.5 per cent overall, including 5 per cent for manufacturing and 2.75 per cent for the service sector.

Employment department officials emphasised that there still could be further downward movement in earnings increases, pointing to lower pay settlements to feed into the figures in the months to come. But independent pay analysts suggested that earnings might now have reached a floor, noting that in manufacturing earnings rises had stuck at 5 per cent for the last six months. This overall stickiness of the earnings figures could make the Chancellor's new pay restraint for public sector employees, echoed by the CBI for the private sector, difficult to achieve.

Unit wage costs continued to fall with wages and salaries per unit of output in manufacturing, for the three months ending in July, 1.8 per cent lower a year before. Manufacturing productivity continued to rise, though it fell back a little from its June level of 7.2 per cent to 6.7 per cent in July.

The number of working days lost through strikes accelerated a little to 50,000 working days lost in July.

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SIMON WALKER

David Prosser, chief executive of Legal & General, lived up to market expectations when he unveiled a £75 million interim profit at the insurance group (Story, page 25, Tempus 27)

Administrator to sell stake in Mirror soon

By Patricia Tehan, Banking Correspondent

JOHN Talbot, administrator of Robert Maxwell Holdings, has told the board of Mirror Group Newspapers that he intends soon to sell the 54.8 per cent stake that he controls.

Mr Talbot confirmed that he has appointed NM Rothschild, his existing financial adviser, and Cazenove, the stockbroker, to lead any offering. They will be joined by NatWest Securities, SG Warburg, which is MGN's broker, and James Capel.

A BT-style book-building exercise is thought to be the preferred way to sell the shares, and a prospectus is likely to be issued soon. The shares are expected to be marketed to City institutions next week.

In a statement yesterday, Mr Talbot said that, "in view of the success of the new management team in restoring MGN's fortunes and in removing a considerable number of the uncertainties overhanging the company", he was planning an offering of up to all of his holding, subject to market conditions.

Although declining to comment on the likely timing or structure of the offer, he said: "The board and staff of MGN are laying the foundations of a new stage in MGN's history and it is appropriate that the company should be freed soon from its major remaining association with the interests of the late Robert Maxwell."

Mr Talbot controls the stake on behalf of National Westminster, Midland, Lloyds, and Goldman Sachs, which have loans of £300 million secured on the shares. The stock market had been expecting him to sell his stake soon, but yesterday's news still sent the shares down 5p to 181p.

On Wednesday, when he unveiled MGN's first-half figures, David Montgomery, the chief executive, said that he hoped that the new owners will be a wide range of institutions, so as to guarantee editorial independence. The company had reached agreements with its seven banks to relax borrowing terms to allow a dividend to be paid to shareholders from next year.

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SIB to wield powers of disqualification

By Sara McConnell, Personal Finance Correspondent

THE Securities and Investments Board (SIB) is to use previously untried powers given to it under the Financial Services Act to disqualify unfit individuals from working in the investment industry.

Unnamed individuals are already being targeted by SIB for disqualification. Anyone involved in investment can be banned under a section 59 direction. SIB said: "The disqualification powers will generally be used by SIB to focus on cases where in SIB's opinion there is serious unfitness which is not being already appropriately addressed.

"In assessing unfitness, SIB will pay attention to an individual's conduct in relation to SIB's principles and to the risk of recurrence of misconduct. Evidence about past misconduct and of signs of persistence, wilfulness, recklessness or negligence following from that will be relevant," the SIB added.

The process of disqualification could start tomorrow but it could be several months before any ban takes effect. Individuals who face disqualification will have the right to appeal to the Financial Services Tribunal.

LIG chief steps down after profit warning

Butterworth: no payoff

By Patricia Tehan

TONY Butterworth, chief executive of London International Group, the condom to photoprocessing company, resigned abruptly at the annual meeting as the company warned shareholders that profits for the six months to September 30 would be substantially lower than last year. The company's share price plunged by 63p to 140p.

LIG disclosed that Mr Butterworth, 56, was bringing forward his retirement. He will be succeeded by Nicholas Hodges, managing director of the health and personal products division.

Alan Woltz, chairman, stressed that Mr Butterworth had not intended to stay on until the company's executive retirement age of 60.

LIG, he said, had started a comprehensive review of its structure and strategy in July and Mr Butterworth had "reached the conclusion that it was only right that the executive who will be implementing changes should be the one that finishes the review and goes on to do it." Mr Woltz said the review would be completed during the current financial year.

LIG was publicly censured by the Stock Exchange this year for selective leaking of sensitive information. The company informed certain analysts that their profit expectations were too high.

Mr Woltz said Mr Butterworth had recommended Mr Hodges as his successor. Mr Butterworth, who had been chief executive for four and a half years, will remain as a consultant to the board for a year. There will be no severance payment.

LIG blamed the lower first-half profits on the worsening of an already depressed market for photoprocessing, along with deepening recession in southern Europe and a flat market in America. The results were also hit by one-off factors, including exchange-rate movements.

In a statement to shareholders, the company said that "the board continues to consider all options, including opportunities to secure additional revenue and to effect further rationalisations". This could include disposals. LIG made pre-tax profits before exceptionals of £32.5 million in the year to March 31, down from £39.4 million. Profits after exceptionals rose from £16.9 million to £27.8 million.

Analysts, who had been expecting a small profits rise in the current year, cut their forecasts to about £20 million. They expect the total dividend to be cut from 9.45p to 5.45p, having previously forecast an unchanged full-year payout.

Half-way profits are likely to fall from £15.5 million to nearer £5 million, they now say, after a warning that the photoprocessing business would incur a small loss in the first half.

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Facts, damned fools and statistics

ANTHONY HARRIS

According to the headlines, the world as we know it came to an end yesterday. Inflation surged, financial markets retreated, and we were back in the dreary world of stagflation. If you read the text, it was not quite like that: prices rose by 0.2 per cent more than a consensus of City forecasters had expected, which even if you annualise it leaves inflation lower than anyone dared expect until a few weeks ago. All the same, markets did fall, so you might think this number a sharp disappointment.

Read a little further and things look odd again: for stocks and bonds retreated sharply not only in London, but in New York, Paris and Frankfurt. Did our "shock" worry investors all over the world? Not plausible; and if you turn up the newspapers from the day before, you will discover that the sell-off, hardly a stampede in any case, started in New York on Tuesday, before the British numbers had been published. Funny. The world market climate is largely set by US mutual funds seeking to protect the incomes of the blue rinse generation; so it is a racing certainty that markets would have fallen on Wednesday even if the British numbers had been a pleasant surprise. Those with faith in statistics still have a straw to clutch: the Wall Street correction was also triggered by a consumer price rise 0.2 per cent higher than the consensus forecast. Another fact for coincidence collectors: in both countries, about half the rise was due to clothing prices.

This is no accident, as we will see; but the point to grasp is that these surprises were not the cause of the sell-off, but simply the occasion for it. For some weeks, the bond market, especially in America, has been looking over-bought. It is the nature of bull markets to be punctuated by bouts of profit-taking, and any figure that makes a good story will trigger a shakeout. This was a mild one, with a quick bounce. Since both the US and British economies still look anaemic at best, Europe is much worse, and even developing countries are taking an anti-inflationary breather, bond boom fundamentals are still in place.

Statistics are not entirely meaningless but they should come with a health warning. This is provided by the statisticians in America, who stress their own inaccuracy, as in: "Housing starts rose by 1.9 per cent (plus or minus 2.4 per cent) in July" — a useful perspective on a figure calculated to a decimal place. In Britain the warning is in a footnote; but perspective is provided by a Treasury spokesman. Nobody listens: reporters in search of a story do not like reservations.

Why are statistics so unreliable in the first place? It is partly the fault of politicians, who cut manpower to save money, but demand more and earlier figures, sometimes impracticably early. In pre-computer days, for example, the British government wanted mid-month trade figures. Customs officials had not even read the documents at that stage, so they simply weighed them; interestingly, this worked quite well. There are more sophisticated measurements behind most figures we read, but they still rely on sampling and guesstimation. Asking for trouble.

Sometimes the methods are faulty, too. The sad revision of British manufacturing output figures earlier in the week was a textbook example. The overstatement arose because so-called "real" figures are simply cash figures deflated by a price index. Export prices are only discovered by a slow process of research, so officials first deflate export earnings by the home price index, the only one to hand. This sounds an innocent ploy, but is grossly misleading after a devaluation. Serious exporters price their exports in dollars, marks or francs rather than pounds; they may cut their foreign prices after a devaluation, but they may not. That is guesswork, which officials hate but might produce better results.

And those inflation figures? Clothing manufacturers always raise prices when they launch the new fashions, at the expense of the fashion-conscious; then price-cutting resumes. In the flat markets of today, sales are earlier, and so are launches. In five years or so all this will be captured in the seasonal adjustments; but by that time the pattern will have changed. The statisticians can't win.

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Yellow Book relaxes rules on sponsorship for SE listing

By George Sivell
Assistant Business Editor

COMPANIES seeking a market listing will no longer need to be sponsored by a Stock Exchange member when the new version of the Yellow Book, the rules governing listed companies, comes into effect on December 1.

The changed rules allow any firm of advisers with "appropriate professional experience" to do the job, and are likely to clear the way for flotations or other listings backed by accountancy firms.

Following the circulation of a consultation draft, last November, there has been a great deal of controversy over the laws on insider trading, and over when companies should make official profit warnings as opposed to trying to "talk down" market expectations through informal meetings with stockbrokers. Earlier this year, this resulted in censure for LIG and a rash of announcements every time a listed company organised a stockbrokers visit to one of its operations.

Calls for greater clarification of what was expected of companies were met with a demand from officials for far more trading statements, rather than a revision to the draft rules.

Little has changed in the new rulebook but it does spell out in greater detail the original requirement that companies must publish any "material information which might affect their share price".

However, a working party set up in July by the Stock Exchange to report on the disclosure of price sensitive information is still busy. The working party is made up of Stock Exchange officials and members of the One Hundred Group, representing top company finance directors.

The working party's recommendations are likely to be handled, not as a further set of rules, but as a supplementary set of guidelines to directors.

One area that has been cleared up, however, is when directors can trade in their own company's shares. Previously the "close period" was set at two months before a company announced its figures to prevent use being made of any information gleaned while results were being compiled. After protests from companies who can produce results in far less than two months after the reporting period ends, the rule has been modified to state that the close period is the time between the financial year end and the publication of the results.

The new Yellow Book also offers far more detailed guidance on which dealings are covered by the code on directors share dealings.

Directors are prevented from dealing in his own shares "on considerations of a short term nature" and from dealing "at any time when in possession of unpublished price sensitive information".

The Stock Exchange has also raised the thresholds that govern the various methods for achieving a listing. Shares with a value of not more than £25 million (previously £15 million) may, in future, be placed entirely with clients of the sponsor involved. Shares with a value of not more than £50 million (previously £30 million) must be marketed by an offer for sale or a subscription. Between these limits shares may be marketed partly by a placing and partly by a an offer for sale or intermediate offer.

New rules have also been drafted to list companies which do not meet the normal trading or financial record requirements. These cover shares such as Euro Disney or Eurotunnel where there is a clear need for capital but no profit record to go on at the time of flotation. Rules have also been drafted to cater for the growing number of scientific research-based companies who need capital. The Stock Exchange believes it is safeguarding investors interests with the rules but still allowing access to the capital markets.

Ian Salter, deputy chairman of the exchange and chairman of its quotations committee, said: "The new Yellow Book makes listing rules easier to follow by improving their sequence, presentation and layout and by expressing requirements in clearer terms. The new Yellow Book has been designed for more effective regulation by helping companies and their advisers to find the relevant rules quickly and easily and understand exactly what is expected of them."

Geevor to return as coal company

By Our Industrial Correspondent

MALCOLM Edwards has succeeded in underwriting a £1.75 million fund-raising share issue by Geevor, clearing the way for the return from suspension of the former tin mining company.

Final negotiations were under way last night designed to install the former British Coal commercial director as chairman with a new management team. Geevor, to be renamed Coal Investments, will immediately acquire the Cwmgwili coal drift mine near Ammanford in South Wales.

Coal Investments will also become the operator of any of the British Coal pits awarded to Mr Edwards as a result of the Corporation's invitation to the private sector to to lease and licence surplus mines.

Mr Edwards faces competition at three of the pits for which he has applied: Markham Main, Rossington, and Betws. However, his applications to resume mining at Trentham and Coventry collieries are believed to be unchallenged.

Mr Edwards was pushed out by the present British Coal board after a personal campaign to maximise the market for coal.

The operations director at Coal Investments will be Brian Nicholls, a former British Coal engineer who has run private sector mines in Australia. David Howard, previously an Ernst & Young corporate finance partner, will become finance director. John Lumb, the mining engineer who now operates the Cwmgwili pit, will also be on the board.

Elizabeth Peacock, Conservative MP for Batley, who defied the government whips to vote against the government's contraction plans for British Coal, is expected to become a non-executive director.

RJB confident it can mine profits from surplus pits

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

RJB MINING aims to bid for all or part of British Coal when the corporation is privatised in the spring of 1995.

The private coal group, which was floated in May, is bidding to lease and license four of the corporation's unwanted mines in an effort to build a track record running profitable deep mines.

Richard Budge, the chief executive, believes that will enable him to turn to the City for funds when the government invites bids for the corporation's businesses. "We might bid for one, two, even all five regions," he said.

Confirmation of RJB's ambitions comes amid accelerating efforts by would-be bidders to position themselves for a much-enhanced role once British Coal is broken up and sold.

After a series of visits and meetings with miners, RJB has made offers to lease and license four of the 19 pits deemed by the corporation to be surplus to requirements.

Although Mr Budge declined to confirm the names because of confidentiality agreements, it is understood that RJB has bid to restore operations at Markham Main, Rossington, Bevercotes and Clipstone mines.

An approach to take over Easington colliery has been abandoned because the company could not reach agreement with British Coal about sharing the costs of keeping the Durham coalfield clear of water.

RJB is confident that the four chosen pits can each be operated profitably. Provided the government lifts restrictions on private mines employing more than 150 men each, RJB says it hopes to take on up to 400 men per mine.

Those numbers are well below those typically employed at British Coal collieries, but Mr Budge says the corporation is overmanned, because a voluntary redundancy scheme has failed to secure manpower reductions on the scale needed to work efficiently. He hopes to be operating the first British Coal mine licensed in the present round before the year's end.

However, he faces competition for two of the pits, Markham Main and Rossington, from Coal Investments, the new stock market vehicle of Malcolm Edwards, British Coal's former marketing director.

Like Mr Edwards, RJB aims to find markets for the pits' output where British Coal failed by targeting household and industrial buyers. This will involve switching production strategy away from mining the maximum possible volume of coal in small fragments, to fuel power stations. Instead, private mines will try to produce up to half their output in larger chunks suitable for domestic fires.

Under such a regime, they believe the mines can become money-spinners at minimum cost and risk. According to Mr Budge, the licensed mines will be able to produce coal at less than 120p a gigajoule, the price of imports landed at a Thamesside power station. However, high quality household coal can fetch prices of more than 200p a gigajoule.

The private mining groups believe there is scope to substitute UK production for some five million tonnes of imports. Britain's household and industrial coal market totals 14 million tonnes a year.

In addition, RJB hopes to receive government subsidies to sell extra volumes to the electricity generators, National Power and PowerGen, again substituting for imports. Industry experts believe the generators may buy an extra five to eight million tonnes of coal next year, once they have reduced their stocks.

Mr Budge, who has held talks with both the generators and the trade department, believes private mines will secure at least three million tonnes of the additional volumes.

The private mining groups are convinced the break-up of British Coal, combined with legislative reform of working practices ahead of privatisation, will transform the prospects of the UK coal industry. Some even believe Britain may once more become a significant coal exporter, serving European markets.

RJB is already investing to increase output at its three drift mines, in anticipation of a bigger role. During the half to June 30, the company achieved a 24 per cent rise in pre-tax profit, to £5.55 million, on sales of £37.7 million. The maiden dividend is 5p.

Richard Budge wants to lease and license four pits soon to build a track record of successful operation

Business Summary

Strong growth in UK gives boost to Logica

STRONG growth in the UK and a turnround into profit in continental Europe helped Logica, the computer systems and software group, to a 27.8 per cent advance in full-year profits. Improved margins helped pre-tax profits increase to £9.03 million in the year to end-June, from £7.06 million last time, on turnover up 8.5 per cent to £217 million (£200 million). Exports grew 10 per cent to £18 million. Finance sector revenues recovered, while the industry and transport sectors grew encouragingly. Revenues from the government and defence sectors fell modestly.

UK operating profit rose 31 per cent to £9.2 million, on turnover up 7 per cent. Margins improved from 5.8 per cent to 7.1 per cent. Continental Europe's operating profit was £2.6 million, against a loss of £1.7 million previously. North American operations lost £2.6 million (£500,000 profit) as revenues fell 8 per cent. Earnings rise to 8.7p (7p) a share. The total dividend is increased to 4p (3.75p) with a proposed final payout of 2.75p (2.5p).

Pict optimistic

PICT Petroleum plans to drill at least ten exploration and appraisal wells in the next year and says the overall outlook is healthy. The company's operating profit in the year to June 30 fell from £2.97 million to £1.99 million, but due to a positive foreign currency gain and lower interest charges, pre- tax profits rose from £2.96 million to £4.82 million. Pict has recently realised £1.44 million from the sale of non-strategic stakes in three oil companies. Because the current oil price is "a cause for concern", no dividend is recommended.

APV plunges to £4.9m

APV, engineering equipment supplier to the food and beverages sector, reported interim pre-tax profits down to £4.9 million (£12 million). Turnover from continuing operations in the six months to June 30 was £416.3 million (£412 million), including £50 million from exchange-rate gains. The dry food division turned in a £4.3 million operating loss, compared with a previous £700,000 operating profit, while profits from liquid food activities dropped from £2.9 million to £1.7 million. The dividend is maintained at 2p.

Sirdar turns in £3.7m

PRE-TAX profits at Sirdar of £3.7 million for the year to June were better than expected at the half-way stage. Pre-tax profits in the previous year were £5 million. Earnings per share rose from 5.85p to 6.89p and the dividend rises from 3.5p to 3.7p, making a total of 5.35p. Borrowings were cut, with gearing falling from 23 per cent to 9 per cent. New machinery costing about £1 million will be used to produce competitively priced yarns. By the end of next June, half its output should be in other than hand-knitting yarns.

Davis Service cautious

DAVIS Service Group, the office and building services group that has quit car hire and sold its remaining motor dealerships, lifted first-half profits but sounded a relatively cautious tone on the near-term outlook. Pre-tax profits rose to £8.47 million (£8.03 million) in the six months to end-June. Total turnover, affected by discontinued operations, was £127.7 million (£124.7 million). Interest payments were £486,000 (£3.12 million). Earnings per share are 6.51p (6.39p). The interim dividend stays at 2.73p.

Pantheon cuts dividend

PANTHEON International Participations, the investment trust, saw pre-tax profits fall to £202,000 in the year to end-June, against £479,000 previously. The total dividend falls from 2.5p to 0.5p. Cash from distributions and sales has risen to a record £9.8 million. Pantheon said that its increased holdings in Europe place it well for any recovery across the Channel. The fully diluted net asset value per share rose by 39.9 per cent, from 139.7p to 195.5p. This reflected investor interest in the venture capital sector, the directors said.

Whatman lifts payout

WHATMAN, the specialist paper and filtration equipment maker, announced that pre-tax profits rose from £4.2 million to £4.5 million in the six months to June 30, with shareholders benefiting via an increase in the dividend to 3.30p (3.10p). Sales growth was 6 per cent after stripping out the effect of acquisitions and currency movements. Sales of laboratory gas generators and microfiltration devices accelerated sharply. Whatman said weaker sterling should boost results in 1994 and 1995. Earnings rose to 12.91p (12.26p) a share.

PSBR slips below forecast

By Janet Bush, Economics Correspondent

GOVERNMENT borrowing totalled £3.54 billion in August, which was slightly lower than City forecasts and brought the cumulative Public Sector Borrowing Requirement in the first five months of the tax year to £18.4 billion.

Although monthly borrowing totals have been a little better than economists anticipated, the Treasury and the City remain cautious about predicting that the PSBR for the whole year will significantly undershoot the government's forecast of £50 billion.

Kenneth Clarke, Chancellor of the Exchequer, has indicated recently that the PSBR for this year is not coming in significantly below the budget forecast and that even a sustained economic recovery would not be enough to reduce government borrowing sufficiently.

It is difficult to tell, particularly at this relatively early stage of the fiscal year, how near to £50 billion the PSBR will turn out to be.

The Treasury's budget assumption appeared to be based on a consciously conservative growth estimate of 1.25 per cent this year while the prime minister has talked more recently of growth amounting to about 1.6 per cent.

Clearly, if the Chancellor wants to take further action to cut the public sector deficit in the medium term, adding to the measures announced by his predecessor, it is not in his interest to become over-optimistic about borrowing trends at this stage of the year.

At the same time last year, the cumulative PSBR stood at £14.4 billion for a full year outturn of £36.7 billion.

The Central Statistical Office noted yesterday that borrowing was held down by two factors.

First, local authorities repaid £762 million to central government in August, not a traditional month for such repayments and difficult to explain.

Second, there was about £400 million in unaccustomed tax payments by tobacco companies, who paid tax in advance of price increases.

Japanese GNP to rise 1.3%

From Reuter in Tokyo

JAPAN'S latest emergency economic package will push up the nation's gross national product by 1.3 per cent over the next 12 months, Manae Kubota, economic planning agency minister, said.

The government of Morihiro Hosokawa, the prime minister, emphasises that the package will benefit consumers through reduced red tape. Mr Hosokawa called on the government's tax panel, which will submit recommendations by the middle of November, to discuss overall revisions to the current tax system, including income tax cuts.

The latest measure is Japan's fourth stimulus package since April 1992 and it follows the largest one adopted in April 1993. This came to 13.2 trillion yen (£80.5 billion).

The package entails eliminating or easing 94 government reglations out of a current total of more than 10,000, most of them by the end of the fiscal year to March 31, 1994. Future steps include a review of Japan's anti-monopoly law to encourage competition.

Companies are urged to pass on to consumers the benefits of the lower import costs caused by the increase in the yen's value. To set an example, gas and electricity charges will be cut for 11 months from November.

Other benefits will include a 2 per cent cut in the cost of international telephone charges in October and expanded discounts by domestic airlines for family travellers.

Japan intends to spend one trillion yen on improving the country's social infrastructure such as schools, 500 billion yen on additional public works projects by regional governments, 300 billion yen on advance purchases of land for public works projects and 450 billion yen on measures to restore farm land damaged by the long rainy summer and also in areas hit by natural disasters.

An additional 2.9 trillion yen in low-interest government loans to promote housing construction and renovation will be available in the current fiscal year.

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TIMES

Dixons pulls out of loss-making US subsidiary

BY PATRICIA TEHAN AND PHILIP ROBINSON

■ Dixons has confounded sceptics by finding a partner for Silo, its disastrous American electricals business. But analysts are casting doubts on the new company

DIXONS, the electrical retailer, is phasing out its involvement in America with the sale of its loss-making subsidiary to Fretter in return for 30 per cent of Fretter and $45 million of preferred stock. The subsidiary consists of outlets trading as Silo and as YES! Your Electronics Store.

The stock market welcomed the move, marking the shares up 27p, to 260p.

The sale will result in an estimated £19.8 million charge against shareholders' funds in the year to next May 1. That results from US retail trading losses from the start of the current financial year to the expected completion date in October or November, and from an exceptional loss on the disposal.

There will also be a £191.1 million charge to the profit and loss account under the FRS3 accounting standard, but this will have no impact on shareholders' funds or cash.

Dixons bought Silo for £240 million in 1987. Since then, it has been the company's biggest headache. In July, Dixons unveiled a profit fall for the year to last May, as a result of hefty provisions on Silo.

Exceptional provisions of £43.2 million related mainly to the restructuring of US businesses. Dixons said Silo made an operating loss of £22.4 million on turnover of £611.9 million, before £36.2 million of exceptional provisions for restructuring. Silo's like-for-like sales in the first 16 weeks of the year were ahead by more than 7 per cent.

The enlarged Fretter will be renamed YES! Your Electronics Superstore.

Robert Shrager, Dixons corporate finance director, said the combined group would be better able to compete in the US market. Dixons expects substantially to improve profitability by rationalising its distribution network and corporate offices and closing poorly performing stores.

The new US company will be the third biggest of its kind, behind Circuit City and Best Buy. However, some retail analysts cast doubt on its viability, given the intensely competitive US electronic retailing market.

Dixons said its downside exposure to the deal amounted to $90 million, comprising the $50 million carrying value of its investment in Fretter and a $40 million secured standby credit facility that will be available for 13 months after completion. Fretter's existing shareholders will be paid $3 a share, at a cost of about $44 million, to be paid from the resources of the enlarged Fretter group.

The Dixons sale comes amid growing competition in the US consumer electronics market from the much larger Circuit City, which has reported profits throughout the recession, and from Tandy Corporation's Radio Shack. Circuit City plans to open 18 stores over the next two months in and around Chicago, one of Silo's strongest markets.

Circuit City's sales total more than $2.5 billion from 230 stores, 80 per cent of them superstores of between 15,000 and 45,000 sq ft. Tandy is adding financial muscle to its 6,700-store Radio Shack chain, which last year generated sales of $4 billion.

Combined sales of Silo-Fretter would be $1.4 billion, from 283 stores. Last year, Fretter reported profits of $5.7 million on sales of $361 million from its 101 stores. It has been recovering from a $1.2 million loss suffered in 1990.

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SIMON WALKER

David Miller, managing director of Photo-Me International, says the future remains difficult to forecast until global trading conditions settle. The coin-operated photo booths group's pre-tax profits rose 7 per cent to £17.6 million in the year to end-April, on sales up 17 per cent to £134 million. The dividend is lifted to 4.6p (4.4p).

Property division fuels advance at ABP

BY OUR CITY STAFF

ASSOCIATED British Ports, the UK's biggest ports group, saw its shares rise 17p to 453p yesterday as it reported that cargo passing through its ports in its first trading half totalled 53 million tonnes. That was 1 million tonnes more than in the second half of last year.

The group said the trend of improvement in the six months to end-June had been sustained in July and August. Taxable profits to end-June virtually doubled to £29.4 million (£15.1 million). The interim dividend advances from 3.25p to 3.5p.

Despite the better volumes, it was ABP's property arm that fuelled the advance, with profits from the ports and transport business down from £32.5 million to £28.4 million. This reduction included a doubling of severance payments from £2 million to £4 million, although Sir Keith Stuart, chairman, said any future job cuts — 150 went at the main company between January and August — would be much smaller.

There were no property development provisions this time, compared with £10 million last time, and the property development arm turned a £1.6 million loss into a £1 million gain. The property investment arm lifted profits to £5.4 million (£4.5 million). The company owns 10,000 acres of UK land. Earnings rose from 5.7p to 11.9p a share. Sir Keith said capital expenditure this year will probably be about £40 million, £10 million more than last year's figure.

Expansion in Germany holds back RMC profit

BY MARTIN FLANAGAN

BIGGER interest charges triggered by RMC's expansion in Germany, and poorer performances in recession-hit Spain and France, helped to rein in first-half profits of the building materials company. Directors said that there would be further deterioration in France and Spain in the rest of 1993.

The picture was brighter, however, in RMC's two main markets, Germany and the UK, with operating profits in the former jumping to £50.4 million, from £40.5 million.

Financing expansion in eastern Germany has increased interest charges to £23.2 million, from £18.5 million, although the group is benefiting from German tax reliefs and incentives, Derek Jenkins, finance director, said.

UK profits advanced to £14 million (£8.8 million), with falling volumes of ready-mixed concrete and aggregates less influential than cost reductions and an improvement in the housing sector.

Overall, RMC's pre-tax profit dipped to £61.6 million, against £62.1 million, at the lower end of analysts' sights.

Mr Jenkins predicted that Germany would hold up well in the second half, with strong housing demand in the west and expansion of building work in the east.

The interim dividend stays at 6.6p after earnings of 13.4p (12.1p) a share.

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United Biscuits facing hard fight

BY SARAH BAGNALL

UNITED Biscuits, the McVities to KP snacks group, painted a bleak outlook yesterday, saying that the hostile environment faced by food manufacturers would not disappear with the end of the recession.

Eric Nicoli, chief executive, said: "The hostile competitive environment was caused by recession, but it won't go away when recession goes away."

However, he emphasised that UB was well placed to compete successfully given its significant market shares in the UK biscuit and snack fields and in each country in which it operates.

The competitive pressure showed through in UB's results for the 28 weeks to 17 July. Pre-tax profit rose 91 per cent, from £70 million to £133.5 million, boosted by a £62.7 million exceptional profit on the sale of Terry's Group. Without that, profit was 1 per cent up, at £70.8 million.

The figures were at the lower end of City expectations, and the shares fell 10p to 352p. In line with analysts' forecasts, the dividend was maintained at 5.5p. After the results, analysts cut full-year forecasts, partly because of UB's announcement yesterday of a factory closure in America at a cost of $17 million, not provided for. Bernadette Tyrrell, of James Capel, has cut her forecast by £17 million, to £178 million.

In the first six months, margins continued to suffer because a sharp rise in raw material costs, caused by sterling's devaluation, was not passed on to the consumer and the group's marketing spending was raised. "Volumes are buoyant partly because margins are not," Mr Nicoli said.

In the UK, profits fell by 3 per cent to £60 million in spite of a 6 per cent rise in sales, to £793 million.

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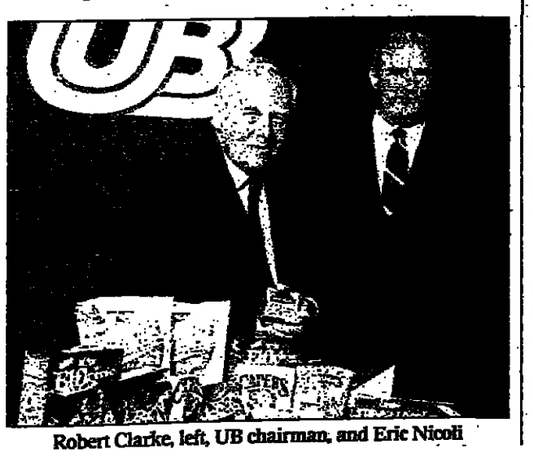

Robert Clarke, left, UB chairman, and Eric Nicoli

L&G fulfils promise with £75m

BY OUR INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

LEGAL & General, the life and general insurer, yesterday unveiled a solid set of interim figures, exactly in line with market expectations.

Pre-tax profits for the six months to end-June rose £2.5 million to £75 million and the dividend was lifted 4.8 per cent to 6.5p. The shares had already discounted the results and remained unchanged, at 488p, on the news.

Following in the steps of other insurers, Legal & General's general insurance operation returned to the black with a profit of £200,000, compared with a loss of £33 million last time. David Prosser, chief executive, said: "The most important factor in this improvement is the mortgage indemnity account." In the first six months, L&G paid out domestic mortgage indemnity claims of £44 million and had notified claims of £38 million. However, last year, L&G strengthened DMI reserves to meet claims and, as a result, no loss was incurred in the six months. Last time, DMI losses totalled £26.4 million.

The property account, the leading part of L&G's UK general insurance business, made a profit of £8.8 million, despite incurring a £4 million loss from the IRA bomb in the City of London in April.

Worldwide life and pensions profits rose to £77.7 million from £75.4 million, reflecting a growth in UK profits from £55.1 million to £59.7 million. Life profits from overseas operations fell from £20.3 million to £18 million, mainly due to lower realised investment gains in the US.

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Airline chiefs disagree on rejuvenating the industry

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

EUROPEAN airline chiefs facing price wars and big losses disagreed over how to turn their loss-making industry back to profit in front of an EC committee of "wise men" yesterday.

The committee heard suggestions ranging from a huge increase in subsidies and regulations to others recommending abolition of almost all outside help for an industry, which lost $700 million last year.

Both Sir Colin Marshall, chairman of British Airways, and Richard Branson, the Virgin chief, told the committee the EC should toughen enforcement of competition rules to eliminate public subsidies that distort the market and produce over-capacity.

Sir Colin told the committee that he was "doubtful whether any airlines in Europe can genuinely qualify for state aid" but that the commission was failing in its duty to police fair competition.

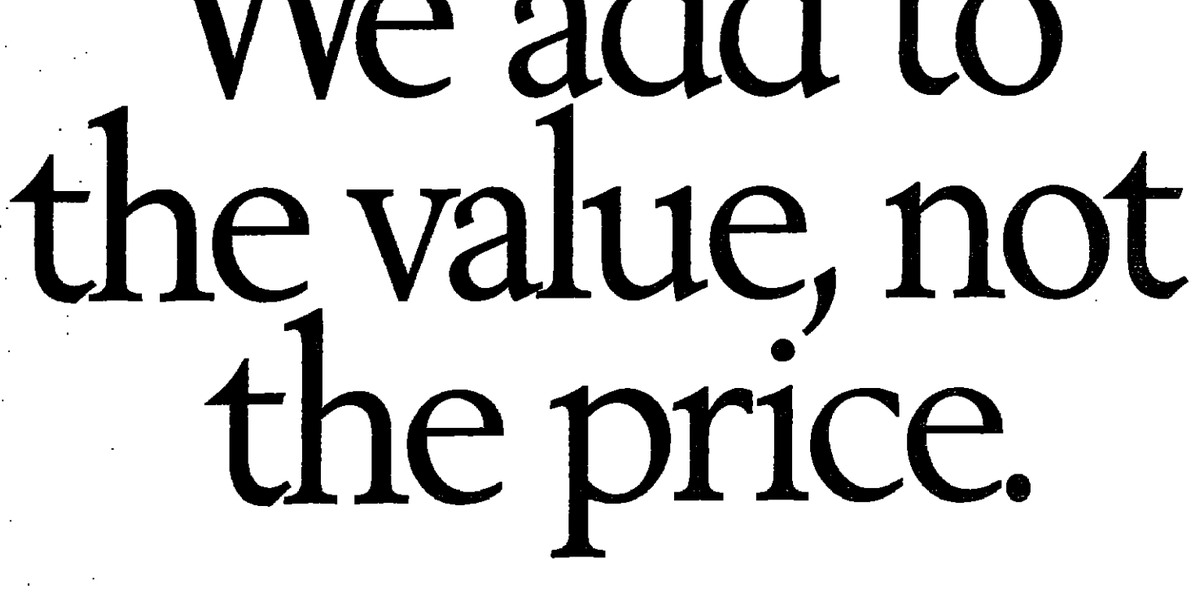
"The commission's track record so far in approving capital injections to airlines leads one to believe that it would be hard to find any form of subsidy, however large or undeserved, which would not get the commission's authorisation," he said.

Sir Colin argued that monopolies, or near-monopolies, for national carriers led to high costs and an inability to adapt. Political intervention in airline management had led, he said, to a "vicious spiral of state intervention and subsidy".

Sir Colin added: "Over the last three years, more than $3 billion has been injected by three European governments to shore up airlines on terms which could not be considered commercial, and there is a queue of airlines and governments waiting to take more of the same."

Mr Branson accused airlines of arrogance and said that the Community had been "profoundly protectionist". Its "safe regime has made our industry flabby," he said. Bernard Attali, chairman of Air France, advised the EC to relax its rules to let airlines coordinate capacity and asked the Community to set up a fund to help airlines take surplus planes out of service.

☐ USAir is offering low one-way and roundtrip air fares between several cities in the eastern United States, including Florida. Similar fares will start in many other markets on October 1, USAir said. It is putting pressure on US competitors by offering in-flight meals and frequent flyer credits even to passengers paying lower fares.



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Shares wipe out early loss to climb back above 3,000

STOCK MARKET

SHARE prices clawed back some of Wednesday's losses as investors continued unwinding their positions before the expiry of the September traded options today.

The FT-SE 100 index moved back above 3,000 as market-makers struggled to find a level at which they could attract buyers again. By the close, the index had wiped out a fall of 4.3 to finish near its best of the day, 14.5 up at 3,003.9. Turnover reached almost 700 million shares.

Market-makers are being forced to absorb most of the pressure. Many are now clearly long of stock as fund managers unwind their positions on the options market. Yesterday they were trying to attract buyers to avoid carrying large positions over the weekend into the new account starting on Monday.

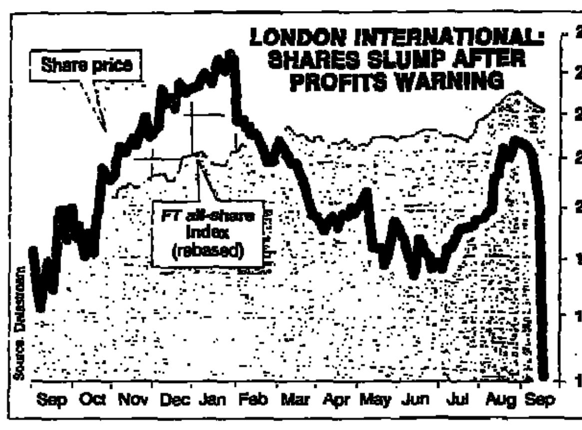
Dealers said sentiment had been bolstered by better than expected PSBR figures and the overnight rise on Wall Street. A further rise in unemployment was disregarded, but genuine investment demand was lacking.

The biggest fall on the day was seen in **London International Group**, with the price down 63p at 140p after the company issued a profits warning and announced the resignation of its chief executive, Tony Butterworth.

Turnover was boosted by some large placings. BZW is believed to have placed the remainder of shares linked to **Rank Organisation**'s scrip alternative. A total of 3.1 milion shares are thought to have been placed with institutions at about 781p. The shares added 7p to 780p.

Shares of **New Frontier Development Trust** surged 11p to 100p as the Merchant Navy Officers Pension Fund disposed of its entire 75 per cent stake. The holding was placed by Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, at 94p a share. Foreign & Colonial Investment Trust is known to have acquired almost 30 per cent of the equity.

Dixons advanced 27p to 260p after selling its US operation Silo to Fretter. Dixons will take shares in Fretter as part of the deal.



United Biscuits disappointed the market. The shares fell 9p to 353p after it unveiled half-year profits almost unchanged at £70.8 million.

Associated British Ports climbed 16p to 452p after weighing in with half-year figures exceeding analysts forecasts. Pre-tax profits were £14.3 million ahead at £29.4 million, with the interim dividend increased to 3.5p. But interim figures from **RMC Group** failed to live up to expectations, with pre-tax profits sliding £500,000 to £61.6 million. The shares fell 6p to 793p.

Kwik-Fit, the car exhaust and tyre specialist, saw first-half pre-tax profits climb 18 per cent to £11.17 million, as sales began to recover. The group said it is expanding into brake replacement. The shares responded with a rise of 5p to 173p.

Logica, the computer software group, fell 2p to 253p despite reporting full-year figures showing pre-tax profits almost 30 per cent ahead at £9 million and a 10 per cent rise in the total dividend.

Laporte climbed 35p to 655p as the group began reaping the benefits of the Evode acquisition. Pre-tax profits at the half-way stage were 15 per cent ahead at £51.5 million, helped by a first-time contribution from the adhesives group. **Wassall**, the industrial conglomerate, jumped 8p to 252p after turning in a 56 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £9.7 million.

Shares in **Molynx Holdings**, the closed circuit television to security and building energy management group, advanced 4p to 43½p. Talk in the Square Mile suggests it is worth keeping a close eye on the stock, with further stakebuilding likely. Pyman Bell, a private group, recently raised its shareholding from 6.7 per cent to 9.65 per cent, while Ringwood Investments, which is the vehicle for David Williams, the entrepreneur who formerly helped build up Mosaic Investment before helping to double the size of Usher Walker, has a 5.7 per cent shareholding in Molynx.

☐ **GILT-EDGED** struggled to establish a new trading range after Wednesday's setback, with the December series of the long gilt up 13 ticks at £11115/16 as 59,000 contracts were completed. The Bank of England is expected to announce details of the next gilt auction today. In the cash market, prices failed to be influenced by the rise in unemployment, with Treasury 9 per cent 2012 adding 1/16 to £116 11/32, while Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 rose three ticks to £112 1/8.

MICHAEL CLARK

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Wassall strongly ahead

WASSALL, the mini-conglomerate, which this year made a fruitless hostile bid for Evode, boosted pre-tax profits by 56 per cent, to £9.74 million, in the six months to June 30, against £6.2 million previously. Turnover of the group, which has interests including luggage, office furniture, bottle closures and DIY building products, advanced 13.8 per cent, to £133.1 million. Christopher Miller, chief executive, said UK and overseas businesses had performed well and the outlook for the group was excellent. The interim dividend is increased to 1p (0.76p). Wassall shares gained 8p to 252p.

Another loss for Era

ERA Group, the Beatties toy shop to Tecno photographic retailer, incurred a pre-tax loss of £2.6 million (£1.65 million loss) in the half year to end-June. Turnover held steady at £29.2 million (£29.3 million). There was a loss of 3.19p (2.07p loss) a share. There is no dividend (nil). Era's sales are biased towards Christmas. The group owns 70 Beatties toy and model shops and 30 Tecno photographic and video stores. Other interests include Fox Talbot, Virtual Reality, and Kohnstam Group. The shares were unchanged at 14p.

Kingspan improves

KINGSPAN Group, the Dublin-quoted building insulation products group, made a pre-tax profit of Ir£1.3 million (£1.22 million) in the half year to the end of June, compared with Ir£1 million last time. Turnover increased to Ir£29 million, compared with Ir£27.4 million. Earnings per share were 3.88p (3.02p). The interim dividend is held at 1p. Most of the growth came from the United Kingdom. Conditions in the Benelux countries and Germany are improving. Sales in Ireland were affected by the decline in construction activity.

Sheffield Insulations up

SHEFFIELD Insulations Group, the distributor of thermal insulation, says it will be mid-1995 before the industrial and commercial sector shakes off recession. However, in the six months to end-June it has seen some recovery in the housing market, which contributed to interim pre-tax profits up 126 per cent to £3.1 million and earnings up 96 per cent to 5.5p a share. The dividend is held at 1.8p. Sheffield said it was largely the overhang of empty properties that would hold back the industrial and commercial sector recovery.

Larger market share leaves Kwik-Fit fitter

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

A TIGHT control of costs and improved market share helped Kwik-Fit Holdings, Europe's largest independent automotive repair and replacement parts specialist, turn in a healthy 18 per cent advance in first half profits.

Tom Farmer, chairman, said: "All in all, business has been excellent for us and we think we have gained market share in every area."

Increased demand for tyres and exhausts helped pre-tax profits at the Edinburgh group rise to £11.5 million in the six months to end-August, up from £9.74 million last time. Sales grew by 11 per cent to £132.1 million, bolstered as car owners moved to save money by going for economy brand tyres.

The number of Kwik-Fit retail centres has expanded to a total of 617, up by 7 depots on the end of the financial year and 18 more than a year ago. Kwik-Fit has a further 22 centres under development.

Mr Farmer said that the increase in sales together with tight controls on all costs resulted in operating profits increasing by 36 per cent in the period to £12.3 million. Cost controls produced savings of £1 million over the six-month period.

"Compared with last year, the demand for tyres and exhausts has improved, with the average profit per unit being maintained," he said, but Mr Farmer admits that trading conditions are still "patchy".

Tyres and exhausts account for about 80 per cent of Kwik-Fit's sales, with the rest coming from shock absorbers, batteries, brakes, oil changes and car safety products.

The group is now targeting the £500 million a year brakes business and has set up a new Kwik-Fit "Brake Safe" initiative. The programme was launched in Scotland in July, while a national advertising campaign has been planned for October.

Mr Farmer said: "The results have shown that this could become an important growth area for Kwik-Fit and by the end of October this year we will be in a position to offer and market this service nationally through 90 per cent of our centres."

The company, which employs 3,500 fitters, is also aiming to recruit more women.

The number of women staff stands at about 40 at the moment, but Mr Farmer would like to see women, who make up 40 per cent of the group's customers, account for about 25 per cent of the workforce within three years.

Earnings advanced 23 per cent to 4.7p (3.82p) a share. The interim dividend is raised 11 per cent to 1.5p (1.35p).

Kwik-Fit shares added 5p to 173p.

Tom Farmer's sales of economy brands have risen

WALL STREET

New York — Wall Street shares continued to trade lower at midday amid nervousness and uncertainty, traders said. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 8.67, at 3,624.98. Shares in precious metals moved higher while the bond market trended lower, setting the tone for equities.

"People are nervous, afraid that the bond market will turn around and yields will go higher," Gerald Simmons, of Interstate/Johnson Lane, said.

☐ **Tokyo** — Shares ended sharply lower on unwinding of arbitrage positions. The Nikkei fell 445.64, or 2.13 per cent, to 20,502.15. *(Reuter)*

	Sep 16 midday	Sep 15 close
AMP Inc	65¾	65¾
AMR Corp	64½	64¾
Abbott Labs	26¾	27
Aetna Life	59⅜	59¾
Ahmanson (HF)	19⅞	20
Air Prod & Chem	41¾	41¾
Albertson's	52½	53
Alcan Aluminum	19¼	19½
Alco Standard	46	46¼
Allied Signal	72½	72¾
Alum Co of Am	71¾	71½
Amax	23¾	23¾
Amerada Hess	50¾	51½
Amer Brands	32¾	33½
Amer Cyanamid	54¼	53¾
Amer El Power	39⅝	39⅝
Amer Express	34	34
Amer Genl Corp	34½	34¾
Amer Home Pr	62⅞	63¾
Amer Intl	99¾	100
Amer Stores	44½	44¾
Amer T & T	59⅝	60
Ameritech	90	90
Amoco	57¼	57½
Anheuser-Busch	48⅝	48¼
Apple Computer	24⅞	24½
Archer Daniels	24	23½
Arkla	8¼	8½
Armco	6¼	6⅝
Armstrong Wrld	39	39
Asarco	18¼	18½
Ashland Oil	33⅞	33⅞
Atl Richfield	114¾	115¼
Auto Data Pro	49⅝	49¾
Avery Dennison	28¾	28⅝
Avon Products	52	51½
Baker Hughes	23⅜	24
Baltim Gas & El	25⅞	25⅜
Banc One	41	41¼
BankAmerica	46¾	47¾
Bank of NY	53⅜	54⅝
Bankers Tr NY	79⅝	80¼
Barnett Banks	45¼	45
Bausch & Lomb	47	47½
Baxter Intl	20⅞	21
Becton Dicknsn	35	35
Bell Atlantic	64⅝	64⅜
BellSouth	62	62⅜
Black & Decker	21½	21½
Block (H&R)	39⅝	39⅝
Boeing	39⅝	40⅜
Boise Cascade	21⅝	21¾
Borden Inc	18¾	18¾
Bristol Myrs Sq	58¼	58⅝
Browning Ferris	22⅝	23¼
Burlington Nthn	53⅞	53⅝
CBS	264	263¾
CNA Financial	88¼	88⅝
CPC Intl	44¾	45
CSX	78⅝	78⅝
Campbell Soup	38⅝	38⅝
Can Pacific	15½	15½
Cptl Cities ABC	541¼	534
Cptl Holdings	43	43¾
Carolina Pwr	34⅝	34½
Caterpillar	79⅝	79⅝
Central & SW	33⅝	33⅜
Champion Intl	31½	31⅝
Chase Manhat	35⅜	35¾
Chemical Bk	43⅜	43⅝
Chevron Corp	91½	91⅝
Chrysler	45¾	45⅝
Chubb Corp	88⅝	88⅜
Cigna Corp	64⅝	65⅝
Citicorp	35⅝	36
Clorox	52⅝	53½
Coastal Corp	26⅝	26¾
Coca-Cola	43⅞	43⅝
Colgate-Palmolive	53⅝	53⅝
Columbia Gas	25⅝	26
Commonw Ed	31⅝	31¼
Compaq Comp	56⅝	56¼
Comp Ass Int	30⅝	30⅝
Conagra	24⅝	24⅜
Cons Edison	37⅜	37⅝
Cons Nat Gas	53⅝	53⅝
Cons Rail	53	52⅝
Cooper Inds	51¼	51¼
Corning Inc	33⅝	33
Crown Cork	39⅝	39⅝
Dana Corp	55⅝	55⅝
Dayton Hudson	65⅝	65⅝
Deere	69⅜	68⅝
Delta Air Lines	52⅝	53
Deluxe Corp	37⅝	38
Detroit Edison	35⅝	35½
Digital Equip	38⅝	38⅝
Dillard Dept St	34	34⅝
Disney (Walt)	39⅝	39
Dominion Res	48⅝	48⅝
Donelley (RR)	30⅝	30⅝
Dover Corp	54⅝	54⅝
Dow Chemicals	60⅝	60⅝
Dow Jones	32	32⅝
Dresser	21½	21⅝
Duke Power	44⅝	44⅝
Dun & Bradstreet	61½	61⅝
Du Pont	48⅝	49⅝
Eastman Kodak	61⅝	61⅝
Eaton Corp	51½	51½

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Emerson Elec	60¾	60¾
Engelhard Corp	40⅞	40⅝
Enron Corp	35⅝	35⅝
Entergy Corp	39⅝	39⅝
Ethyl Corp	18½	18¼
Exxon	65⅝	66⅛
FMC Corp	49⅝	49⅝
FPL Group	40⅜	40⅝
Federal Express	58⅝	58⅝
Fed Nat Mrge	78⅝	77
First Chicago	45⅝	45⅜
First Interstate	62⅝	62⅞
First Union Rty	10⅝	10⅝
Fleet Finl Grp	32⅝	32⅝
Fluor Corp	44	44⅝
Ford Motor	54½	54⅝
GTE Corp	38⅝	38⅝
Gannett	49⅝	49⅝
Gap Inc Del	27	26¾
Gen Dynamics	99¾	99⅝
Gen Electric	98⅝	98½
Gen Mills	62	62⅝
Gen Motors	46⅜	47⅜
Gen Reinsurance	129⅝	130¼
Gen Signal	32⅝	32⅜
Genuine Parts	37⅝	37⅝
Georgia Pac	62⅜	62⅝
Gillette	54⅝	54⅝
Glaxo ADR	19⅝	19¼
Goodrich (BF)	45⅝	46
Goodyear Tire	45⅝	44½
Grace (WR)	36⅝	36½
Gt Atl Pac Tea	28⅝	29⅝
Great Wstn Fin	19⅝	19⅝
Halliburton	36⅝	37⅝
Harcourt General	42⅝	42⅜
Heinz (HJ)	37⅝	37⅝
Hercules	87⅝	86⅜
Hershey Foods	51½	51½
Hewlett Packard	68⅝	68⅜
Hilton Hotels	47	47⅝
Home Depot	35⅝	35⅝
Homestake Mng	16⅝	16⅞
Honeywell	36⅝	36⅝
Household Intl	79⅜	78⅜
Houston Inds	47	47
Humana	13	12
ITT Corp	95⅝	93⅝
Illinois Tool	39⅝	40
INCO	19⅝	19⅝
Ingersoll Rand	38⅝	39⅝
Inland Steel	26⅝	27
Intel Corp	64⅝	64⅞
IBM	43⅜	43⅝
Intl Flav & Fr	114⅝	114⅝
Intl Paper	62⅝	62⅞
James River Va	21½	21½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	38⅝	39
K Mart	22⅝	23
Kellogg	53⅝	54
Kerr-McGee	52⅝	53½
Kimberly-Clark	49⅝	50⅝
Knight-Ridder	53⅝	53⅝
Lilly (Eli)	47⅝	48
Limited Inc	20⅞	21¼
LIN Brdcstng	116⅝	117½
Lincoln Nat	47⅝	47⅝
Litton	60⅝	61½
Liz Claiborne	20⅝	20⅝
Lockheed Corp	62⅝	62⅝
Louisiana Pac	33⅝	34
MCI Commun	28⅝	28⅝
Marriott	28⅝	28⅝
Marsh & McLnn	91½	91⅝
Masco Corp	31½	30⅝
May Dept St	43½	43⅝
Maytag Corp	16⅝	16¼
McCaw Cellular	53⅝	54½
McDonalds	55⅜	55⅝
McDonnell D	88⅝	89⅝
McGraw Hill	67	67
Mead Corp	47	47
Medtronic	62⅜	61½
Mellon Bk	54	54⅝
Melville Corp	44	43⅝
Merck Inc	31⅝	32
Merrill Lynch	99	98⅝
Minnesota Mine	108⅝	108⅝
Mobil Corp	78	78⅝
Monsanto	64⅝	65⅝
Morgan (JP)	74⅜	75⅜
Motorola Inc	93⅝	92⅝
Natl Medical	7⅜	7⅝
Natl Semi	20⅝	20⅝
Natl Service Ind	25⅝	25⅜
Navistar Int	21½	21½
NBD Bancorp	32⅝	33⅜
NY Times A	23	23
Newmont Mng	46½	45⅜
Niag Mohawk	24⅜	24⅝
Nike B	47	48⅝
NL Industries	5⅝	5⅝
Nordstrom	29⅜	30
Norfolk Sthrn	67⅜	68⅝
Nthn State Pwr	47⅝	47½
Norwest Corp	26⅝	26⅝
Nynex Corp	48⅝	96⅝
Occidental Pet	20⅝	20⅝
Ohio Edison	25⅝	25⅜
Oracle Systems	50⅝	50⅝

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Oryx Energy Co	21½	21¼
Owens Corning	42⅝	42½
PNC Financial	30⅜	30⅜
PPG Industries	68	68
Paccar Inc	63⅝	62⅜
Pacificorp	20	20
Pac Enterprises	26⅝	26⅜
Pac Gas & Elec	35⅝	35⅜
Pac Telesis	54⅝	55⅜
Pall Corp	19⅝	19⅝
Panhandle East	24½	24½
Paramnt Comm	64⅝	64⅝
Parker Hannifin	33⅝	33⅜
Penney (JC)	41½	41¼
Pennzoil	62⅝	62
Pepsico	41½	41⅝
Pfizer	60⅜	61½
Phelps Dodge	43⅝	43
Philadel Elec	32⅝	32⅝
Philip Morris	48	47⅜
Phillips Pet	32⅝	32⅝
Pitney Bowes	37⅝	38⅝
Polaroid	36⅝	36½
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Primerica	46⅜	47½
Procter & Gmbl	48⅝	47⅝
Pub Serv E & G	35⅝	35½
Quaker Oats	69⅜	69⅝
Ralston Purina	37⅝	37⅝
Raychem Corp	42⅝	42⅜
Raytheon	62	62⅝
Reebok Intl	24⅝	24½
Reynolds Metals	46⅝	46¼
Roadway Srvcs	59⅝	59
Rockwell Intl	35⅝	36½
Rohm & Haas	51½	53½
Royal Dutch	99⅝	100⅜
Rubbermaid	34⅝	34½
Safeco Corp	63⅝	63⅝
St Paul's Cos	93⅜	93¼
Salomon Inc	51½	50⅝
Santa Fe Pac	18⅜	18
Sara Lee Corp	25⅜	25⅜
Scecorp	25½	25½
Schering Plough	62⅝	62⅝
Schlumberger	64⅜	65⅝
Scott Paper	32⅝	33⅝
Seagram	26	26⅝
Sears Roebuck	57⅜	57⅜
Shell Trans	60⅝	61¼
Sherwin Wilms	34½	34¼
Skyline Corp	16½	17
Snap-On-Tools	41	41¼
Southern Co	45⅝	46⅜
Sthwestern Bell	44⅝	45⅝
Sprint Corp	35⅜	36
Stanley Works	41¼	42
Sun Company	27½	27¼
Suntrust	43	43⅝
Supervalu	34½	34⅜
Syntex Corp	18⅜	18⅝
Sysco Corp	28⅝	28⅝
TRW Inc	63⅝	64½
Tandem Comp	9⅜	9⅜
Tandy Corp	35⅝	36½
Telecom Corp	3⅝	3⅜
Teledyne	24⅝	24¼
Temple Inland	43⅝	43½
Tenneco	51½	52
Texaco	65⅝	66
Texas Inst	76½	77
Texas Utilities	47⅝	48
Textron	56⅝	55⅜
Time Warner	41½	41¼
Times-Mirror	32⅝	30⅝
Timken	32⅝	33⅝
Torchmark	59⅝	59⅝
Toys R Us	34½	34⅝
Transamerica	60⅝	59⅞
Travelers Corp	35⅝	36
Tribune	51½	51½
Tyco Labs	42⅝	43⅝
UAL Corp	143⅝	147⅝
UST Inc	27⅝	27⅜
USX Marathon	19⅜	19⅜
Unilever NV	108	109
Union Camp	43⅝	43⅝
Union Carbide	18⅝	18⅜
Union Pacific	62⅜	62⅝
Unisys Corp	11⅝	11½
USAir Group	13⅝	13⅝
USF&G Corp	18⅝	18½
US Life	42⅜	43⅝
US West	46⅜	46⅝
United Tech	57⅝	57⅝
Unocal Corp	27⅝	27⅝
Upjohn	27⅝	28⅝
VF Corp	44	43⅝
WMX Tech	31½	31½
Wal-Mart Stores	23⅝	24⅝
Warner-Lambert	66⅝	66⅝
Wells Fargo	118⅝	117½
Westinghouse El	14⅝	14⅜
Weyerhaeuser	40⅝	40⅝
Whirlpool	59⅝	62⅝
Whitman	14⅝	14⅝
Winn Dixie	59	59½
Woolworth	25	25⅝
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	44½	44½
Xerox	71½	71

Laporte beats forecasts

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

LAPORTE, the speciality chemicals group, turned in a better-than-expected 15 per cent advance in first-half profits, thanks to the smooth integration of the Evode chemicals and plastics business, which was acquired in a £129 million deal this year.

A combination of organic growth and acquisitions helped the pre-tax figure climb to £51.3 million in the six months to July 4, up from £44.5 million previously. Turnover, boosted by acquisitions, advanced by 37 per cent, to £440.1 million.

Laporte's results include an unexpectedly good first-time contribution from Evode, which makes EvoStick, of £117.2 million to sales and £13.1 million to operating profits from February 5. Ken Minton, chief executive, said Evode's speciality polymer compounding companies in America had had an "excellent" first half.

Laporte's pigments and absorbents division had also been successful, benefiting from the acquisition of the Silo coloured pigment business.

"We are pleased with the progress made over the first half," Mr Minton said. "We have achieved what we said we would achieve. The integration of the Evode businesses has been achieved and has enhanced earnings for the first half." Laporte expects to sustain current progress in the second half.

"America is looking rather good, but Europe is gloomy and the United Kingdom is patchy," Mr Minton said. "European markets remain subdued and we do not envisage any significant improvement for the rest of the year in this region."

Earnings per share climbed to 20.1p (18.9p) and shareholders will receive an increased interim dividend of 7.4p (7p).

The results pleased the City and Laporte shares responded with a 35p rise, to 655p. BZW has raised its profit forecast by £2 million: it expects pre-tax profits of £107 million (£86.6 million) for the current year.

RECENT ISSUES

Anglian Water Wrts	108	+3
Bakyrchik (120)	128	−1
Beta Viet Nam Units	£35⅝	...
BT (Partly/Paid) (150)	173½	+2½
Crockfords (90)	95	...
Explaura A	3¼	−¼
For & Col Special Inc	68	−1
For & Col Spl Capital	42	−½
Lazard High Inc Tst (100)	108	...
Nouvelle A	5½	...
Raglan Warrants	34	−½

RIGHTS ISSUES

Albrighton n/p (17)	1	...
Arlen n/p (21)	17	+1
CRH n/p (Ir260)	27	...
Cadbury Schw n/p (400)	57	+3
Crockfords n/p (90)	¼	−⅛
Lilleshall n/p (125)	17	−4
Quarto n/p (225)	54	+3
Rolls Royce n/p (130)	10½	−1
Usborne n/p (19)	¼	...
Wickes n/p (88)	14	−3

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Dixons Group	260p (+27p)
ADT	633p (+18p)
Laporte	655p (+35p)
Liberty Life	909p (+32p)
British Aerospace	409p (+15p)
Thomson Corp	735p (+10p)
Ranger Oil	335p (+17p)
Sirdar	129p (+13p)
Assoc Brit Ports	452p (+16p)
P&O Dfd	601p (+11p)
GKN	483p (+10p)
Mitel	484p (+55p)
Vodafone	493p (+14p)

FALLS:

Redland	535p (-12p)
Leigh	213p (-13p)
Compass Group	566p (-12p)
SG Warburg	782p (-12p)
Sema Group	344p (-21p)
Savoy Hotel 'A'	828p (-17p)
Sothebys	743p (-10p)

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1993 INTERIM RESULTS

Half Year to 30th June 1993

HIGHLIGHTS OF UNAUDITED GROUP RESULTS	1993	1992
TURNOVER	£1,561.6m	£1,404.6m
PROFIT BEFORE INTEREST	£84.8m	£80.6m
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	£61.6m	£62.1m
EARNINGS PER SHARE	13.4p	12.1p
DIVIDEND PER SHARE	6.6p	6.6p

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COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

BENTALLS (Int) Pre-tax: £419,000 loss EPS: 0.67p loss Div: 0.6p (0.6p)	Previous loss £1m and loss per share *(0.29p)*. Forecast return to profit by year end. First half sales up 18 per cent
INT FOOD MACHINE (Int) Pre-tax: £878,000 EPS: 5.98p (8.43p) Div: 1.4p (1.8p)	Pre-tax profit last time £1.6m. Large number of orders from Iran trade fair will boost full year profits
SANDERSON MURRAY (I) Pre-tax: £1.1m (£633k) EPS: 4.56p (2.87p) Div:	Market for new vehicles very competitive but main trading month of August strong profit. Selling Staffs property for £2.5m
BRITISH FITTINGS (Int) Pre-tax: £672,000 EPS: 1.71p *(5.11p loss)* Div: 0.75p (0.5p)	Previous year £1m loss. Market conditions unpredictable as *enquiry levels remain more* buoyant than actual orders
BRITTON (Int) Pre-tax: £520,000 EPS: 0.28p (0.34p loss) Div: 0.06p (nil)	Loss £87,000 interim 1992. Rapid progress made in past 12 months. Integration of Gelpack completed. More acquisitions possible
SPANDEX (Int) Pre-tax: £2.45m (£2.2m) EPS: 13.7p (11.2p) Div: 2.1p (1.9p)	Satisfactory group progress hampered by weak economic conditions in some European countries
FOLKES (Int) Pre-tax: £200,000 EPS: 0.28p (1.25p) Div: 0.575p (0.575p)	*Profit down from £650,000.* Pressure on margins and volumes continue. Property profits higher, engineering and building lower
ORIEL (Int) Pre-tax: £28,000 loss EPS: 1.15p loss Div: 2p (2p)	Previous interim profit £332,000 and eps 5.27p. Group in line with expectations. Only three weeks of Warranty acquisition included
BRITISH MOHAIR (Int) Pre-tax: £907,000 EPS: 4.48p (5.22p) Div: 1.4p (1.4p)	Previous profit £1m. Full year expected to be similar to 1992. Demand for textiles no change but engineering satisfactory
EDMOND (Int) Pre-tax: £187,000 loss EPS: 0.26p loss *Div: 0.15p (0.35p)*	*Previous loss £22,000 and loss* per share 0.03p. Main regional markets sluggish, sales and reservations down on last year

Mandarin profits rise by 2%

FROM LULU YU IN HONG KONG

MANDARIN Oriental International, *the hotel arm of* Hong Kong's Jardine Matheson group, yesterday announced a 2 per cent increase in net profits to US$19.5 *million for the six months to* end-June.

Earnings per share for the half year were 2.87 cents, an increase of 1 per cent over 1992. *An interim dividend of 1.41 cents per share will be paid*, unchanged from last year.

The results were in line with market forecasts. Analysts have not expected spectacular performances from hotel companies because of the weak economies in the leading tourism markets. Simon Keswick, *the chairman, said the group's* strong performance in Hong Kong was largely offset by weakness in Manila, Bangkok, Singapore and Macau.

Mandarin Oriental is 49.9 per cent owned by Jardine Strategic Holdings, the group's investment vehicle. It manages ten hotels in the Asia-Pacific region.

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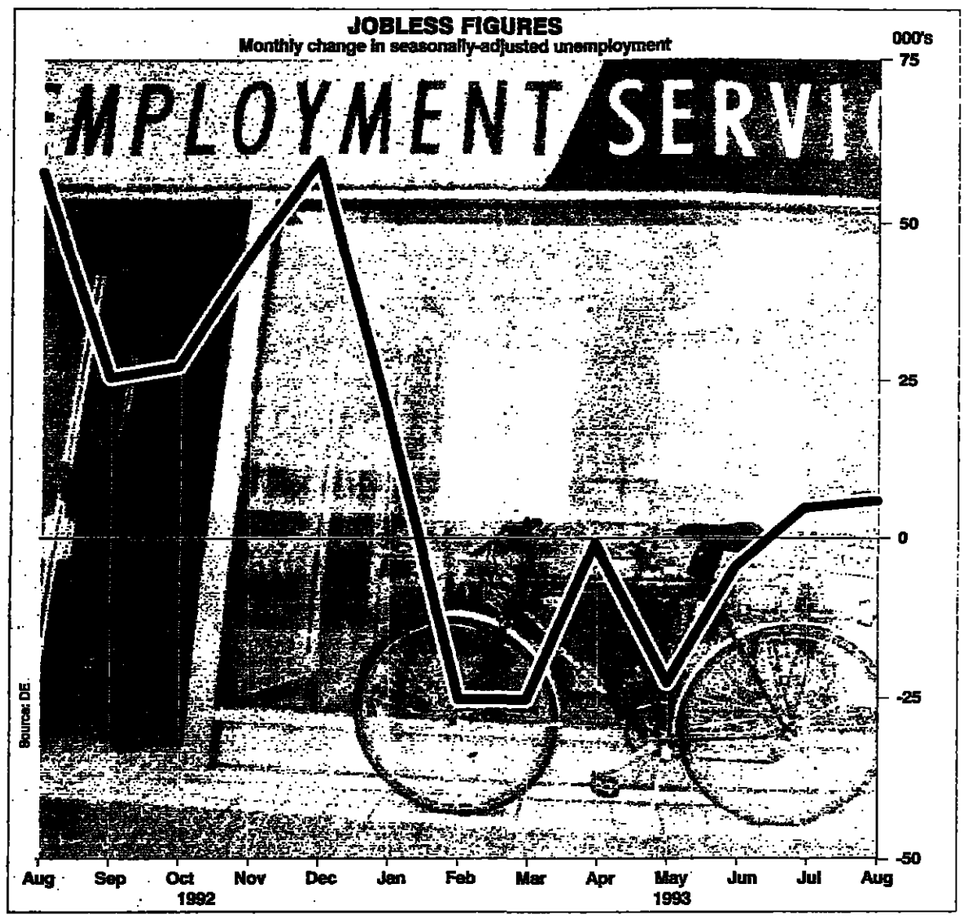
Waiting for jobless figures to catch up with reality

Philip Bassett analyses August's unemployment data in the context of the broader, more accurate, picture painted by events last spring



Michael Forsyth, the employment minister, was, as ever, aggressively unequivocal. Slipping past the rise in unemployment he had just announced, he said growing employment, higher vacancy levels and higher overtime were all "consistent with a recovery which will make it easier for people to find work".

Independent, non-governmental voices were less sanguine. John Philpott, of the Employment Policy Institute, said: "The figures show that there was a recovery in the labour market in the spring. . . Unfortunately, the rise in unemployment suggests that the recovery may have stalled."

Tracking through the deluge of labour market figures released yesterday by the employment department, it is now, for the first time, possible to get a picture of what has been happening to both unemployment and jobs this year. The principal help in this is the government's Labour Force Survey (LFS). Now quarterly, this sample survey of 60,000 households (150,000 people) every three months provides a labour market breakdown far more precise than the crude claimant count of the unemployment figures or the employer-based census-related statistical exercise of the government's quarterly employment totals.

What does it show? What has happened to unemployment and employment so far this year? Yesterday's LFS figures cover the critical period of March-May this year — the moment when the two-and-three-quarter years of rises in unemployment appeared to turn round and five months of consecutive falls began.

Firstly, the different definition of unemployment used by the LFS — a broader, internationally accepted rating — confirms that unemployment really did fall. In fact, as measured by the LFS, it fell more sharply than the monthly count indicated.

Who was hit? For the first time, the LFS figures provide an answer. A computer analysis by *The Times* of the LFS data shows that jobs were being lost among craft workers (down by almost 1 per cent on the winter figures), in selling (about the same), and among plant and machinery operators.

Employment was rising among managers and administrators, as it was among professionals and employees associated with them — suggesting that the increased pain of this recession on white-collar workers may be easing. By industry: employment in manufacturing continued to fall, while service sector employment rose over the period by 110,000, to 16.6 million, with the biggest increases in services, especially banking.

Redundancies fell back sharply, too — from 344,000 in the winter to 262,000 in the spring. Male redundancies were much less — down 29 per cent, compared with a 13 per cent fall for women. Even among those made redundant, the prospects were better. The number losing their jobs and remaining out of work, though still relatively high at 204,000 in the spring, was down by 28 per cent, while the number being made redundant and getting back into work rose 81 per cent.

As the labour market improved, the number of people who come off the unemployment register because they no longer believe they can find work — so-called "discouraged" workers — also fell, though by a relatively small 5 per cent. They now number about 178,000.

Jobs for both sexes rose. Self-employment rose by a notable 1.5 per cent in three months, possibly employees who had lost their jobs in last autumn's shakeout using their redundancy cheques to set out on their own. The number of part-time workers also rose markedly, by 1.8 per cent, compared to a rise of only 0.1 per cent in full-time jobs. Significantly, though, the number on government training schemes also increased sharply — up 9 per cent in three months.

So the LFS figures provide the first real clues about where the unemployed went to when the jobless totals started to fall this year — into training, into white-collar work, into part-time jobs, into the service sector. At the same time, separate figures from the employment department yesterday confirm a general decline in short-time working, now down from 690,000 working hours lost in January to 240,000 hours in July, and an equally regular rise in overtime — up in July from 9.13 million hours the previous month to 10.34 million. All this is consistent with anecdotal evidence from companies — especially small firms in the South, where growth will show first. They have been increasing output through higher overtime and less short-time working, and testing the water by taking on part-timers. But the past two months' rise in unemployment could mean those small but significant gains are slipping away; we will not be clear on that until the LFS figures for the current period appear in December.

Mr Forsyth characteristically dismissed the rise in seasonally-adjusted unemployment for August of 5,800 as "small" and "not unexpected" at this stage of the economic recovery. However, the "smallness" of this increase was enhanced by revisions to the unemployment figures for July. Last month, Mr Forsyth and his colleagues announced that after five months' decline, unemployment had risen by a slight 200. Yesterday, revisions to the figures showed that the rise of 200 had, in fact, been a rise of 4,300. By far the largest slice — more than a third — of this previously unnoticed, extra unemployment was in the Conservative heartlands of the South East.

The unrevised August figure of 2.922 million is up on the revised July figure by 5,800 — but it is up on the figure actually announced by ministers last month by 9,900.

Employment department officials insisted that the process of seasonal adjustment, applied to the raw unemployment figures to give a better trend indicator, was particularly difficult when the figures were volatile, with larger "irregular" factors being added in and then subsequently removed when the next month's evidence became available. Statisticians in the department are currently bench-testing a new seasonal adjustment computer program.

Unemployment may well now be volatile; it may well be bobbing up as it bobbed down earlier this year, just as ministers suggested it would. But it is as well to remember that the number of people out of work is still 1.3 million higher than when it first began to rise again at the start of the recession, still 232,300 higher than at the time of the general election, still 106,400 higher than it was a year ago. The pain of unemployment — for the government as well as for those out of work — is still very far from over.

TEMPUS

Disarming the Silo

DIXONS' sale of Silo is one of the slickest pieces of balance sheet management the City has seen in years. The loss-making American electronics retailer appeared to be an unstoppable drain on the group's finances, too expensive to keep, too costly to close.

The disposal to Fretter, in return for ordinary and preference shares, provides the answer that the City did not believe was possible. One detects the hand of Robert Schrager, Dixons's finance director and an ex-merchant banker from Morgan Grenfell, behind the scheme. Thanks to heavy writebacks of provisions for US medical benefits, and tax credits, Dixons' balance sheet suffers a modest £19.8 million hit.

Before becoming euphoric about an escape that Houdini would have admired, it is worth remembering the overall damage that Dixons has suffered from its American ambitions. The group bought Silo for £320 million in 1987. Its remaining stake in Fretter is valued at just £31.9 million. The £191 million hit the group will suffer in its profit and loss account from the goodwill write off on the disposal is a more realistic assessment of the appalling affair, but even this does not account for six years of wasted opportunity.

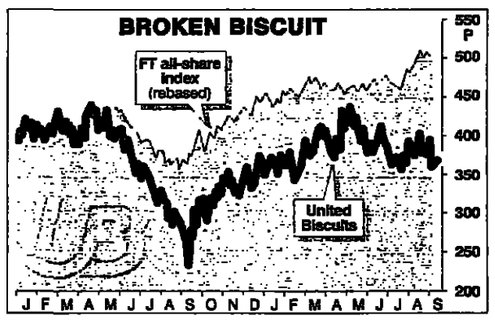
At least Dixons has closed a sorry chapter, and may even see a return on its new investment if Fretter succeeds in cutting costs in its enlarged network. Dixons should now concentrate on its powerful British retail chain which still has less than a quarter of the electronics retail market. A steady performance could produce profits of £115 million in 1994 and earnings of 18.5p, putting the shares on a reasonable p/e ratio of 14.

United Biscuits

THE strain of turning Keebler round is clearly telling on United Biscuits. The group cannot jeopardise its position in the biscuit or snacks markets at home while its American operations remain so shaky, and it is having to pay heavily to maintain market share. A combination of higher marketing costs and the rise in ingredient prices cut margins by almost 2 percentage points at McVities in the UK, and by 0.3 points at KP.

This would be a price worth paying if Keebler showed signs of recovering quickly, but it does not. UB is sensibly sacrificing Keebler's least profitable sales in an attempt to restore margins, but it is a slow process. Margins edged up from 2.4 to 2.8 per cent in the half, still less than half what they should be. UB's refusal to break out the contribution from Bakeline, its latest acquisition, from Keebler's figures, suggests the original business did not perform as well as the overall 22 per cent rise in operating profit to $26.3 million suggests. This, together with the $17 million provision to be made on a plant closure makes Keebler look as unattractive as ever.

Thankfully, returns from continental Europe, where UB has exhausted so much of its acquisitive energy, are advancing nicely, but there is always the risk they will stall if the recession continues to deepen. The shares, at 353p, are high enough until recovery at Keebler takes pressure off the rest of the group.



Legal & General

LEGAL & General must feel it can do nothing right. It produced profits in line with City forecasts and gave shareholders a better than average dividend increase, but its shares failed to recover any of the ground they have lost as worries about commission disclosure grew.

The general insurance business swung nearly £33 million back into profit, albeit to only £200,000, and world-wide life and pensions profit rose £2.5 million to £77.7 million. L&G even managed to break even on its domestic mortgage indemnity business, which suggests the provisions it made in previous years are finally adequate. The 4.8 per cent dividend rise was better than most forecasts.

Yet the whole life sector cannot shake off investors' worries about disclosure, and the growing defections of building societies, which are abandoning their ties in an attempt to grab any captive endowment business for themselves. Life companies are keen to play down the impact these factors can have on their business but until further details are revealed later this year no one can prove the doubters wrong. The shares are unlikely to perform while such uncertainty remains.

RMC Group

THE modest recovery in domestic housebuilding is not enough to reverse the fortunes of the building materials industry; RMC is the latest group to attest to that. One can only feel sorry for many of the businesses, which redoubled efforts in Europe at the start of the decade to escape from the domestic recession, only to feel the full blast of the continental recession as British operations begin to recover. Profits from the EC, excluding Germany and Britain, fell 48 per cent to £12.4 million, more than offsetting RMC's hard-won efficiency gains at home.

In such a squeeze RMC must be grateful for the success of its German business. This not only improved profits, but provided a £9 million tax credit from a reorganisation. This is a sugar coating on an otherwise bitter pill. Share prices in the sector assume a lot of recovery, which will be long in coming.

LIG

THE Vatican may feel a wry satisfaction at the profit warning from London International, the condom maker, particularly since the company blames poor sales in Italy as a reason for its shortfall.

LIG's difficulties once again demonstrate the dangers of chasing a company's shares for the potential of its new products while failing to consider the position of its ongoing business. Only last month the group was trumpeting the prospects for its new polyurethane condom, but it has failed to preserve the job of Tony Butterworth, the chief executive. Little wonder LIG was trying to talk analysts' forecasts down earlier this year.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Voyage of Discovery

TWO City professionals are gearing up for a daredevil exploit — a 5,500-mile romp from Paris to London via the Arctic Circle. Julian Biggs of Hoenig, the soft commission broker, and Sean Watson of McKenna & Co, the solicitor, have signed up for the Arctic Auto Challenge, a car rally that will take them through Vienna, Warsaw, Moscow, St Petersburg, Rovaniemi in Lapland, then down to London via Norway and Denmark. "It appealed to me immediately," says Biggs, 45, who will tackle the race, starting on October 17, in his Land Rover Discovery — unlike a rival team from the Metropolitan Police that plans to use a Porsche 911. Biggs, Watson and a third co-driver, Mark Muspratt-Williams, knew each other in Hong Kong in the 1970s. They hope to raise £50,000 for the Macmillan Nurse Appeal. For £10, City gents who correctly predict the time of their arrival in Lapland stand to win a four-day trip for two to the Arctic Circle. Details on Topic for City types.

Philosopher's ale

WHAT'S in a name? Kleinwort Benson Investment Management is paying $5.5 million for a stake in a Chinese brewery . . . in the home town of Confucius. Robin Fox, KB vice-chairman and an old China hand, says the Chinese drink only an average 6 litres of beer a year each compared with 78 in America and 116 in Germany, and predicts a leap in consumption. "As people get richer, beer is becoming the smart drink," says Fox, chairman of KB's China Fund. "There is beginning to be a touch of Western sophistication in drinking beer." As any Chinaman knows, the name of the Sankong Brewery in QuFu translates as "three important places" — after three places where Confucius preached.

Peace dividend

THE new Israeli-Palestinian accord promises a "shalom dividend" for RMC, the building materials company that unveiled its halfway results yesterday. The company's Israeli offshoot has done much building work in the occupied territories and looks set to benefit substantially from the plans to pump money into the Gaza Strip and Jericho to improve the new Palestinian infrastructure. "The so-called peace dividend must be beneficial for us," says RMC's finance director, Derek Jenkins.

Wild west

WILD scenes at the Polish Club in west London this week as the team from Kingfisher gathered to see off Gwen Gober, honey-tongued head of corporate communications for the past seven years. Gober, who hails from Houston, Texas, is off to join her loved-one, George Storozynski, a New Yorker of Polish descent, who runs Barclays de Zoete Wedd's Warsaw office. "We drank a lot of vodka," says Gober, who was joined by Sir Geoffrey Mulcahy, Kingfisher's workaholic chairman, and the ubiquitous Nigel Whittaker, director of corporate affairs, never one to miss a party.

Nasty hangover

COMMENTS by David Montgomery, chief executive of Mirror Group Newspapers, that there were no more "nasties" left from the Maxwell regime came as a surprise to the 75-odd former staff of the *European* newspaper who are still pursuing a two-year old claim of wrongful dismissal against MGN. In a preliminary hearing of some of the cases earlier this year, a judge dismissed MGN as having no defence — prompting its lawyers to press for a full court hearing. With an appeal due to be heard any time now, costs are in danger of exceeding what it would cost MGN to settle fully with all the former *European* staff — something in the region of £300,000. Indeed, in the 1992 annual report, MGN has set aside £600,000 against potential legal claims.

Passengers on the delayed 8.33 InterCity from Colchester yesterday morning were given a taste of British Rail's cost-cutting in the run-up to privatisation: "We apologise for the late running of this service due to a shortage of platforms at Liverpool Street."

JON ASHWORTH

BUSINESS LETTERS

Electricity costing less in real terms

From the Chief Executive, Electricity Association

Sir, Mr Martin Simons's letter (Business Letters, September 15) needs putting into perspective. There are 26 million electricity customers in the UK, 90 per cent of whom are domestic consumers. The National Consumer Council, in its report *Paying the Price*, indicates that the typical household electricity bill fell by 4 per cent in real terms between April 1985 and April 1993. It also points out that most electricity companies froze or cut prices to domestic customers in April 1993, reflecting post-privatisation cost reductions. Further reductions have been announced since April 1993 by some electricity companies.

Prices to industrial customers overall have fallen by an average 8 per cent in real terms since 1989-90, the year before privatisation. Only the very large customers have seen real price increases as subsidies have been removed.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER FARRANCE,
Electricity Association,
30 Millbank, SW1.

Banks fail small firms

From Mr Stephen Alexander

Sir, I read the letters of Andrew Buxton and Christopher Wathen (September 13) and was staggered by the arrogance and dull-wittedness of their self-promoting observations. How would Barclays recognise a well managed and viable small business? They are a large corporate body, who, in common with Midland Bank, are now squeezing everything they can out of small business and personal customers, with large margins and customer costs that reflect only their bad decisions made in previous years.

If banks were to take equity share in small business, perhaps they would be less happy to pull the rug when the gap between asset value and overdraft becomes too close for comfort for those with no long-term interest in the business. Until this happens, I suppose we will see them lending to large conglomerates, mainly in non-producing areas such as property, pineapples and printing. The self-satisfied in pursuit of the self-serving.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN ALEXANDER,
The Coach House,
Blackwell, Bromsgrove,
Hereford and Worcester.

Interest-rate cuts hurt

From Mr G. Ewen Bayley

Sir, Please stop infuriating thousands of your readers by maintaining (as Janet Bush does on September 10) that interest rate cuts are politically popular and would soften the blow of any tax rises! It is surely well known by now that the number of savers, who suffer when interest rates fall, is far greater than the number of home buyers who gain. The government should have learnt this from the Christchurch by-election.

Yours sincerely,
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Sutton, Surrey.

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	1993 £m	1992 £m	% change
Sales	1127.4	1094.8	3
Trading Profit (before Pensions)	37.2	38.0	- 2
Pension costs	8.7	7.7	
Trading Profit	28.5	30.3	- 6
Interest	12.0	12.0	
Preference dividends	0.1	0.1	
Surplus available for profit sharing and, subject to taxation, for retentions	16.4	18.2	- 10

Sales and profit
Sales increased by £29 million (6%) in the department store division and £3 million (1%) in Waitrose supermarkets. Operating costs were well controlled but one-off costs in Waitrose, mainly associated with new distribution arrangements, held profits down

Profit sharing
Allocation between retentions and profit sharing is determined when the results for the year are known.
The second half year is more important than the first.

For further details of the results and/or the John Lewis Partnership, please telephone 071-828 1000 extension 6222 or write to the Chief Information Officer, 171 Victoria Street, London SW1E 5NN.

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Balanced	671.40	717.70	+0.20	2.45
American Inc	50.10	53.55	+0.82	3.08
Wld Asset Val	42.87	45.81	+0.26	0.98
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UK Growth Acc	330.50	351.60	-0.70	2.60
-do- Inc	234.20	249.20	-0.50	2.60
Higher Inc Acc	622.50	662.30	-1.40	3.61
-do- Inc	378.10	402.30	-1.00	3.61
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	185.50	195.90	-0.60	5.94
-do- Inc	94.85	100.10	-0.30	5.94
Nth America	241.30	256.80	-0.60	...
Far East	318.40	338.80	-2.90	0.13
Europe	244.30	259.90	-3.80	0.93
General Inc	443.30	471.60	-1.40	2.41
-do- Acc	491.60	523.00	-1.50	2.41
Brit Excell	66.92	71.20	-0.09	2.65
Brit Fndmnls Inc	72.38	77.00	-0.31	4.49
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Convertibles	56.75	60.69	-0.41	7.00
Eastern	198.20	212.30	-0.80	1.60
Equity Income	88.78	94.44	+0.14	6.20
European Gth	250.30	266.30	-3.00	1.50
Europe	166.10	177.80	-1.10	1.50
Exempt	86.68	89.02	...	3.50
German Growth	67.67	72.00	-0.07	0.70
Global Growth	111.10	118.70	-0.40	...
Japan Growth	207.60	222.10	-1.30	...
Japan Sunrise	181.80	194.50	-1.30	...
Portfolio	123.80	132.30	-0.50	3.20
-do- Acc	222.60	237.90	-0.90	3.20
UK Growth	88.50	94.14	-0.25	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	91.20	97.53	-0.02	1.90
Select Managers	67.90	72.58	-0.39	2.00
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	110.40	118.07	...	1.54
-do- Inc	100.36	107.34	...	1.54
Global Bond	30.71	32.59	...	5.00
High Yield Acc	58.69	62.77	...	2.96
-do- Inc	42.14	45.07	...	2.96
Smlr Cos Acc	103.88	111.10	...	1.25
-do- Inc	95.48	102.12	...	1.25
Amer Gth Acc	60.64	64.85	...	...
-do- Inc	59.51	63.64	...	...
Euro Gth Acc	114.47	122.42	...	0.81
-do- Inc	112.12	119.92	...	0.81
Mngd P folio	38.21	40.87	...	1.39
Pacific Growth	107.96	115.47	...	0.02
Intl Spec Opps	99.35	106.26	...	1.06
BROWN SHIPLEY 9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144				
Financial	139.40	148.40	-1.60	2.82
Smaller Cos Acc	325.30	351.20	-1.00	...
Smaller Cos Inc	189.20	204.30	-0.60	1.06
High Inc	76.57	81.93	-0.49	6.40
Income	137.10	146.70	-1.50	3.75
Mngd P folio Inc	98.08	104.40	-1.10	3.90
-do- Acc	186.60	198.70	-2.00	...
North American	105.30	112.20	-0.10	0.19
Orient	134.50	144.90	-0.80	...
Recovery	44.87	48.24	-0.14	2.32
German	45.90	49.20	-0.07	0.08
Intl Growth	35.92	38.25	-0.09	0.21
European Inc	23.76	25.56	-0.16	0.44
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL 071 480 7216				
Stn Gth Fxd Int	67.97	68.90	-0.24	5.06
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	143.10	152.30	-0.70	1.62
UK Growth	153.70	163.60	-1.00	2.11
UK Income	131.70	140.20	-1.00	4.01
CANNON LINCOLN FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	92.46	99.10	-0.10	0.82
Growth	46.10	49.30	-0.13	2.84
Income	57.48	61.48	-0.02	3.85
Far East	50.93	54.47	-0.05	...
North American	88.75	94.92	+0.24	...
Global	90.26	96.53	-0.18	0.47
European	76.60	81.69	-1.06	0.64
Japan	118.30	126.50	-0.70	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	60.80	64.45	-0.30	5.91
UK Cap Gwth	84.81	90.70	-0.04	1.86
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF Enquiries: 061 236 5685 Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	133.30	141.80	+0.30	0.10
-do- Acc	141.70	150.80	+0.30	0.10
European	69.76	73.98	-1.05	0.84
-do- Acc	72.78	77.18	-1.09	0.84
Far East Gen	67.84	72.18	-0.46	..
-do- Acc	67.84	72.16	-0.46	..
Smaller Cos	71.48	76.05	-0.20	1.71
-do- Acc	80.70	85.86	-0.20	1.71
Growth	398.40	426.20	-2.80	2.19
-do- Acc	690.90	739.00	-4.70	2.19
Income Growth	395.90	420.80	-3.20	3.57
-do- Acc	537.30	571.60	-4.50	3.57
Master Portfolio	9965.0	10348.0	-11.00	2.15
-do- Acc	11609.0	12054.0	-13.00	2.15
Special Sits	92.35	98.25	-0.44	2.09
-do- Acc	109.17	116.14	-0.53	2.09
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1291.0	1331.0	-3.00	4.04
-do- Acc	1523.0	1571.0	-3.00	4.04
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	193.10	205.80	+2.00	1.61
Capital	563.10	601.00	-0.50	2.23
Eurotrack 100	140.00	149.10	-0.90	1.39
Euro Gth	89.61	95.57	-0.74	0.88
Far East Growth	98.39	105.00	+0.50	...
Global Bond	23.88	25.17	+0.08	5.94
Hong Kong	85.03	90.75	-0.27	0.66
Income	542.30	578.80	-0.10	3.78
Intl Growth	76.17	81.29	-0.34	0.17
Japan Growth	291.80	311.40	-0.50	..
Japan Smllr Cos	37.80	40.34	-0.21	...
Japan Index	83.68	89.31	-0.15	0.24
Nth American	438.60	468.10	+2.90	0.17
S pore Mly Gth	63.10	67.34	+0.46	..
The Footsie Fd	111.50	117.70	...	2.62
Tiger Index	154.90	165.30	-0.60	0.59
Triple Index	112.10	119.60	-0.60	2.10
UK Index	128.90	137.60	-0.10	2.91
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
American P folio	86.33	92.18	+1.26	1.05
European P folio	79.50	84.72	-0.10	0.98
Japanese P folio	70.34	74.76	-0.56	..
Pacific P folio	110.94	119.30	-0.56	0.98
Cazenove P folio	76.00	81.29	-0.23	2.63
UK Income Gth	68.92	73.90	-0.38	4.58
Utility & Bond	55.36	56.15	-0.06	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	654.95	658.15	...	4.53
Fixed Int	165.45	165.80	...	8.75
Deposit	5.60	...	5.72	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Income	647.05	654.98	...	4.57
-do- Acc	2595.0	2637.0	...	...
Deposit	5.60	...	5.72	...
Fxd Int Inc	134.35	134.69	...	8.61
-do- Acc	184.65	185.12	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	65.66	71.17	..	2.12
Beckman Intl	89.73	94.78	..	2.80
Friars Hse Inc	194.25	205.96	...	5.74
Friars Hse Cap	261.16	280.82	...	2.60
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR9 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222 Dealing: 081 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Income	151.39	161.05	-0.01	5.40
Equity Incom Acc	501.19	533.15	-0.01	5.40
Fixed & Convert	44.47	47.31	-0.30	6.21
Fxed & Conv Acc	119.20	126.81	-0.78	6.21
Monthly Income	51.41	54.69	-0.21	7.41
Preference	50.96	54.21	-0.16	7.14
Preference Acc	266.71	283.73	-0.78	7.14
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	125.88	133.91	-0.18	5.52
High Yield Acc	483.99	514.88	-0.65	5.52
Managed Fund	65.16	69.32	-0.42	2.83
Managed Fd Acc	79.59	84.67	-0.51	2.83
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	40.50	43.08	-0.16	2.22
Smaller Cos Acc	45.97	48.90	-0.18	2.22
UK & General	71.76	76.34	-0.32	3.00
UK & General Acc	87.09	92.65	-0.38	3.00
UK Growth	123.24	131.11	-0.59	1.69
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	165.09	175.63	-2.22	...
Far East Growth	114.24	121.53	-0.98	0.35
Global Bond	87.46	92.98	-0.40	5.86
Gold & Comm	52.59	55.95	+0.67	...
Japan Growth	125.64	133.66	-1.39	...
North America	149.58	159.13	-0.40	...
Oriental Growth	60.35	64.20	-0.39	...
W'wide Growth	60.51	64.72	-0.35	0.36
-do- Acc	63.13	67.52	-0.36	0.36
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	93.26	93.26	+0.01	5.16
Deposit Fund Acc	93.26	93.26	+0.01	5.16
Quilter Fund	126.93	135.03	-0.22	2.58
Quilter Fund Acc	142.40	151.49	-0.24	2.58
CREDIT SUISSE INVESTMENT FUNDS (UK) LTD Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542. Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	64.84	68.98	-0.46	1.90
-do- Acc	73.09	77.76	-0.53	1.90
Income Fund 5	225.00	239.40	-0.40	3.93
-do- Acc	523.40	556.90	-1.00	3.93
Inv Portfolio	69.49	72.02	-0.78	2.07
-do- Acc	79.19	82.07	-0.89	2.07
Smaller Cos	136.40	148.20	-0.30	1.25
-do- Acc	165.10	175.70	-0.30	1.25
High Inc P folio	64.18	66.51	+0.04	4.31
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	89.93	95.67	-0.33	0.83
Japanese Acc	65.86	70.06	-0.17	...
UK Balncd Inc	132.10	140.50	-0.90	2.45
-do- Acc	155.90	165.80	-1.00	2.45
UK Growth Acc	213.80	227.40	-1.20	1.97
UK High Inc	142.50	151.60	-1.40	5.84
-do- Acc	172.50	183.50	-1.70	5.84
N America Acc	112.40	119.60	+0.60	0.23
European Acc	170.00	180.80	-1.70	0.39
UK Pref F/I Inc	62.14	65.92	-0.56	6.68
-do- Acc	102.30	108.50	-0.90	6.68
Intl Sp Sits Acc	49.53	52.69	-0.40	0.22
Environmntl Opp	74.77	79.54	-0.42	1.54
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	113.90	121.00	+1.40	0.41
UK Smllr Cos	220.60	234.40	-0.40	1.07
Eurofund	40.48	42.87	-0.25	0.93
Mngd Exempt	176.30	183.60	-1.90	2.86
Growth Inc	223.70	237.70	...	3.16
High Dist	153.70	163.30	-0.40	4.59
International	339.10	360.30	-0.10	0.90
Intl Income	86.05	91.86	+0.01	2.83
Pacific	61.80	65.66	+0.46	0.46
Smllr Jap Cos	79.93	84.93	+1.24	...
Tokyo	220.90	234.70	+1.90	...
Japan Exempt	124.70	128.10	-2.00	0.39
Sm Jap Exempt	629.50	646.80	+8.90	0.08
Equity Income	127.60	135.60	-0.20	3.69
Formerly Target				
Euro Spec Sits	151.10	159.90	-1.40	0.46
Financial	44.94	47.75	-0.28	2.50
Global Opps Inc	92.25	98.02	+0.38	1.02
-do- Acc	95.62	101.60	+0.40	1.02
Gold Gen Inc	46.21	49.10	+0.37	0.61
-do- Acc	88.70	94.24	+0.72	0.61
Japan General	171.20	181.90	+1.00	...
Preference	23.95	25.45	-0.07	7.15
Worldwide Cap	207.60	220.60	-0.60	1.51
World Income	90.07	95.70	-0.06	3.11
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance	185.00	196.80	-1.20	0.91
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Pelican	110.54	116.36	+0.14	3.30
High Income	129.66	136.48	+0.13	4.57
Tst of Inv Tsts	164.04	172.67	-0.44	2.16
Special Sits	86.51	91.06	+0.33	2.10
North American	105.20	110.74	+2.17	0.98
Far Eastern	263.88	277.77	+3.74	1.51
Intl Growth	99.24	104.46	+1.40	1.31
European	69.25	72.89	+0.05	1.88
Smaller Cos	73.08	76.93	-0.06	1.83
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 729 707				
United Charities	239.30	254.50	...	3.84
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.30
European Tst	142.20	151.30	-1.50	...
High Income	27.37	28.80	-0.07	5.73
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	99.93	105.70	-1.20	0.53
Far Eastern	144.10	154.30	-1.40	...
High Income	23.57	25.12	-0.07	10.00
Oseas Income	92.29	98.73	-0.44	3.07
UK Growth	100.20	107.20	-0.30	0.70
UK Income	107.00	114.40	-0.30	5.24
US Smaller Cos	270.90	289.70	-1.70	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT LTD 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
Amer Gth	49.24	52.35	-0.21	...
-do- Acc	49.34	52.35	-0.21	...
Am Smllr Co	440.90	471.50	-0.10	...
-do- Acc	450.40	481.60	-0.10	...
Capital	301.10	320.20	-0.90	1.58
-do- Acc	423.30	450.20	-1.30	1.58
Conti Smllr Cos	50.84	54.60	-0.16	0.87
-do- Acc	53.14	57.07	-0.18	0.87
Convertible	127.40	135.50	+0.50	5.39
-do- Acc	241.80	257.20	+0.90	5.39
Emg Mark	58.49	62.48	-0.05	...
-do- Acc	58.49	62.48	-0.05	...
European	103.00	110.10	-1.10	0.63
-do- Acc	107.40	114.70	-1.20	0.63
Extra Income	315.60	335.70	-1.10	3.66
-do- Acc	451.90	480.60	-1.90	3.66
Financial	115.80	123.90	-1.00	0.16
-do- Acc	121.20	129.70	-1.00	0.16
Gilt Gth Tst	67.77	69.88	-0.27	5.78
-do- Acc	87.57	90.29	-0.36	5.78
Health Fund Inc	118.20	126.20	-0.10	...
-do- Acc	118.20	126.20	-0.10	...
Income Tst	191.90	204.10	-0.70	3.54
-do- Acc	272.00	289.30	-0.90	3.54
Intl Growth	333.60	356.40	+0.50	...
-do- Acc	370.40	395.80	+0.50	...
Japan Gen	193.10	206.20	-0.90	...
-do- Acc	195.00	208.30	-0.90	..
Mngd P folio Inc	96.62	101.70	-0.40	0.80
-do- Acc	101.60	106.90	-0.50	0.80
Monthly Income	164.10	174.50	-0.40	3.62
Qrtly Inc	52.86	56.22	-0.21	5.39
-do- Acc	53.61	57.02	-0.21	5.39
Recovery	311.30	332.90	-0.70	0.29
-do- Acc	365.70	391.00	-0.90	0.29
UK Growth	48.76	52.12	-0.10	2.39
-do- Acc	48.76	52.12	-0.10	2.39
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts. SP1 3SH Dealing: 0722 411411 Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	364.86	388.15	-2.96	2.66
-do- Acc	745.04	792.60	-6.05	2.66
Euro Gth Dist	116.51	123.95	-1.24	0.67
-do- Acc	121.01	128.73	-1.29	0.67
Fixed Int Dist	137.43	145.37	-1.14	5.87
-do- Acc	235.34	248.93	-1.95	5.87
Intl Gth Dist	81.79	87.01	-0.27	0.60
-do- Acc	84.91	90.33	-0.28	0.60
Nth Amer Dist	172.29	182.51	+0.12	0.79
-do- Acc	187.77	198.91	+0.13	0.79
Pac Basin Dist	261.83	278.54	+0.27	0.01
-do- Acc	266.82	283.85	+0.27	0.01
Stewardship Dist	319.15	339.52	-1.96	1.80
-do- Acc	380.55	404.84	-2.33	1.80
Stwd Inc Dist	68.84	73.23	-0.25	3.00
-do- Acc	85.75	91.22	-0.31	3.00
N Am Stwd Dist	97.63	103.86	+0.12	...
-do- Acc	103.28	109.87	+0.13	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	136.10	145.60	-1.30	...
European	443.50	471.40	-5.80	0.90
Far East General	244.00	260.90	-3.20	0.27
Germany	109.50	116.00	-0.10	0.40
Global Assets In	74.63	79.60	+0.06	2.03
Global Assets Ac	78.92	84.17	+0.07	2.03
Income Inc	135.70	145.20	+0.20	6.07
International	303.20	323.90	-2.60	0.86
Intl Income	81.24	86.22	-0.15	4.62
Japan General	402.00	427.80	-1.20	...
Smllr Cos Div	49.49	52.94	-0.23	6.11
UK Capital Inc	175.80	188.10	-0.50	3.39
-do- Acc	303.20	324.30	-1.00	4.00
UK Spec Sits	82.96	88.73	-0.04	1.43
US General	122.50	130.90	+0.30	0.10
W wide Spec Sits	137.80	146.90	-1.30	0.09
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	46.09	49.29	-0.17	1.32
Cash Trust*	130.32	130.32	+0.02	5.28
Pract Inv Inc	108.07	115.92	-3.83	3.96
-do- Acc	238.16	255.47	-1.62	3.96
UK Smaller Cos	112.55	120.70	-0.29	0.76
Income Funds				
Preference Share	27.82	29.75	-0.13	7.87
High Inc	34.01	36.37	-0.03	4.51
UK Equity Inc	135.71	145.14	-0.15	3.74
Global Bond	28.81	30.90	-0.46	5.79
International Funds				
Gold Intl	82.41	88.38	+1.55	0.48
Frontier Markets	46.35	49.70	-0.21	0.12
Global Inc Gth	123.96	132.10	-0.49	1.82
UK Intl	125.78	134.52	+0.18	0.33
Overseas Funds				
American	129.57	138.36	+0.22	0.45
European	87.75	93.12	-1.43	0.92
Euro Sel Opps	106.39	113.13	-1.66	0.65
American Emerg	85.96	92.18	+0.30	...
Hong Kong	118.47	127.05	-1.03	1.96
Japan	242.99	258.11	-2.11	...
Pacific Growth	167.73	179.87	-1.35	0.36
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 588 0626				
Intl Growth	133.77	143.07	-0.02	0.32
American Gth	129.17	138.15	+1.03	...
European Gth	72.30	77.32	-0.81	0.61
Japan Gth	84.72	90.57	+0.30	...
Greater China	145.22	155.31	-0.23	2.85
Pacific Strategy	133.31	142.58	-1.50	0.30
UK Prog Inc	80.77	84.90	-0.64	4.89
British Growth	51.10	53.95	-0.53	2.47
UK Small Cos	47.11	50.38	-0.25	1.81
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Square London E14 9GE 071 538 9468				
Cash	132.50	132.50	...	5.22
Gilt Fixed	129.40	137.40	-1.20	5.06
Growth Equity	304.80	325.60	-2.40	1.95
Guardhill	446.10	476.40	-3.10	2.03
Income Trust	115.60	123.40	-1.10	3.32
International	165.40	176.70	-1.20	0.01
Japan Trust	131.20	140.10	-0.70	...
Nth American	260.60	278.40	+0.10	0.37
Pacific	410.00	438.00	+1.00	...
European	387.70	414.20	-4.10	0.16
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 660, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838368				
Global Adv Inc	36.51	38.71	-0.40	1.53
-do- Acc	38.49	40.80	-0.40	1.53
Inc Adv Inc	30.72	32.57	-0.20	3.71
-do- Acc	32.52	34.48	-0.20	3.71
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	77.63	83.16	-0.95	0.69
Equity Income	120.20	127.90	-0.60	3.14
European	141.30	149.50	-1.90	0.90
Intl Situation	78.30	83.30	-0.37	...
Japanese	147.40	156.40	-0.40	...
North American	93.94	99.67	+0.01	0.02
Scandinavian	127.90	135.20	-1.10	...
Smaller Cos	32.31	34.37	-0.78	1.75
HENDERSON PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enq: 0277 263298 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	93.39	99.83	+0.23	...
Asian Enterprise	137.56	147.10	-0.10	0.34
European	408.38	431.84	-6.26	0.89
European Inc	75.06	79.40	-0.95	2.73
Euro Sml Co	128.65	136.83	-0.80	0.50
Extra Income	274.10	291.80	-1.59	4.60
Family of Funds	75.32	80.33	-0.25	0.61
Global Bond	58.15	62.09	-0.14	6.63
High Inc	311.82	333.33	-0.80	3.71
Income Gth	253.00	269.44	-1.39	3.35
-do- Acc	654.43	696.96	-3.61	3.35
International	238.19	254.29	-0.99	0.61
Japan Spc Sit	256.87	273.42	-1.20	...
Japan	222.02	236.48	-1.37	...
N Amer	218.64	233.11	+0.68	0.03
Pacific Smlly Cos	204.79	217.86	-2.46	0.15
Pref Gilt	49.29	52.98	-0.10	7.80
Special Sits	275.42	294.68	-0.99	1.64
-do- Acc	427.01	456.90	-1.52	1.64
Best of British	58.52	62.62	-0.22	2.27
Henderson TR				
Euro Spec Sits	50.93	54.15	-0.77	0.50
-do- Acc	53.93	57.34	-0.81	0.50
Global Tech	135.10	144.54	+0.81	...
Special Opps	116.08	124.82	-0.29	1.16
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	90.67	96.67	-0.38	2.15
Capital	159.00	170.00	-1.70	1.83
Dollar	312.80	334.50	+2.30	0.01
European	209.20	223.70	-2.70	0.57
Far East	252.40	269.60	-0.10	0.24
Financial	762.30	815.20	-14.70	1.84
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	27.39	28.45	-0.23	7.27
High Yield	109.40	116.90	-0.30	4.19
Income	143.00	152.90	-0.30	3.12
Intl	220.90	236.20	-1.40	0.18
Japan Tech	74.59	79.77	-0.47	...
Nat Resources	57.86	61.88	+0.60	0.46
Security	306.50	327.60	-1.30	1.87
Smaller Cos	120.00	128.30	-0.20	1.11
Special Sits	143.30	153.20	-0.30	1.54
US Smaller Cos	71.74	76.42	+0.71	...
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	27.46	29.35	-0.07	1.12
Special Features	29.34	31.17	-0.34	1.68
-do- Acc	34.91	37.09	-0.11	1.67
General Funds				
UK Growth	56.11	59.96	-0.21	1.78
Assets Earnings	73.40	77.98	-0.27	1.87
do Acc	87.59	93.06	-0.33	1.86
Managed Invest	92.36	98.59	-0.56	1.11
Expert Children	78.02	83.26	-0.19	2.07
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.21	50.21	...	4.54
Extra Inc	85.37	91.24	-0.33	5.02
Gilt	29.14	30.69	-0.10	6.22
Income Gth	40.82	43.54	-0.13	3.51
MIMstar	80.36	82.14	-0.56	7.80
Preference	18.82	19.99	-0.02	6.51
UK Income	320.90	342.80	-7.80	3.22
Sector Specialist Funds				
Find Sec	63.70	67.68	-0.37	1.18
Property Shares	71.05	76.57	-0.59	1.63
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	152.80	160.20	-0.80	4.29
European Acc	123.20	130.60	-2.00	1.47
European Dist	116.20	123.10	-1.90	1.47
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	48.42	51.53	-0.07	1.08
European Perf	125.10	132.70	-2.20	0.50
-do- Acc	129.00	136.90	-2.20	0.50
Euro Small Cos	23.68	25.15	-0.17	0.48
French Growth	71.57	76.04	-1.12	0.34
-do- Acc	76.46	81.22	-1.29	0.34
Hong K/China	71.86	76.35	-1.18	1.66
Intl Growth	54.10	57.48	-0.47	0.59
-do- Acc	54.10	57.48	-0.47	0.59
Japan Perf	35.57	37.79	-0.47	...
Accum Units	35.57	37.79	-0.47	...
Japan Smllr Cos	40.92	43.46	-0.15	...
Singapore Asean	92.01	97.75	-0.05	0.20
-do- Acc	92.66	98.45	-0.04	0.20
South East Asia	250.80	266.40	-1.40	0.57
US Smllr Cos	104.90	111.40	...	...
-do- Acc	106.00	112.60	...	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	88.77	94.64	-0.45	2.46
Intl Bond	58.01	58.81	-0.13	6.02
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	54.85	58.35	+0.67	6.64
Gilt Yield	123.30	129.00	-0.60	6.99
Global Income	211.80	225.30	+2.75	3.88
High Yield	143.50	152.70	+1.64	5.46
Smllr Cos Div	53.51	56.93	-0.16	3.48
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	90.53	96.31	-0.50	...
North American	75.70	80.53	+0.76	0.42
European	138.60	147.40	-1.00	1.52
Euro Special	83.44	88.77	-0.29	1.41
General	271.80	289.10	+0.10	3.09
Japan	458.00	487.20	+5.30	...
Japanese Special	261.00	277.70	+3.20	...
Master Acc	231.00	245.70	+0.50	1.26
Pacific	288.70	307.10	+2.20	0.52
Smaller Cos	106.10	112.90	-0.22	1.50
UK Equity Gth	39.51	42.03	-0.02	1.67
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151				
European	79.00	84.04	-0.63	0.90
Extra Income	24.97	26.56	-0.33	3.58
Far East	28.91	30.76	-0.43	0.26
Income Gwth	74.65	79.41	-1.33	2.87
Intl Growth	53.54	56.96	-0.62	0.59
Japan	68.76	73.15	+0.17	...
Maximum Dist*	100.10	102.10	-0.10	6.81
N Amer Equity	38.49	40.95	-0.02	0.35
UK Equity	90.57	96.35	-0.56	2.67
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	53.90	57.34	-0.33	4.36
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	439.20	467.20	-1.60	2.64
Equity Acc	846.80	900.80	-3.00	2.64
Equity Income	98.14	104.40	-0.50	4.29
European	101.90	108.40	-1.40	1.48
Far Eastern	195.80	208.30	-0.80	...
Fixed Interest	55.45	58.99	-0.25	5.92
Gilt	96.68	102.50	-0.70	5.95
Global Growth	70.46	74.96	-0.39	0.45
Intl Bond	56.61	60.20	-0.16	4.72
Japanese	75.95	80.80	-0.37	...
Overseas Equity	103.30	109.90	-0.50	0.08
Pacific Gth	91.11	96.93	-0.38	0.47
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834333				
Balanced	327.30	348.20	-2.30	2.70
-do- Acc	718.80	764.70	-5.00	2.70
Conti Euro Gth	54.78	57.67	-0.68	1.18
-do- Acc	57.93	60.98	-0.73	1.18
Extra Inc	255.00	271.30	+2.30	3.58
-do- Acc	630.50	670.80	+6.00	3.56
German Gth	111.70	117.60	-0.30	0.10
-do- Acc	117.20	123.40	-0.30	0.10
Growth Port	510.50	543.10	-2.60	0.41
-do- Acc	510.50	543.10	-2.60	0.41
Income	479.30	509.90	-2.70	3.45
-do- Acc	1230.0	1309.0	-6.00	3.45
Income Port	510.40	543.00	-2.70	4.07
-do- Acc	517.90	551.00	-2.70	4.07
Japan Growth	106.80	113.70	+0.20	0.01
-do- Acc	107.20	114.10	+0.30	0.01
Master Trust	54.18	57.64	-0.33	1.22
-do- Acc	59.65	63.46	-0.35	1.22
N American Gen	183.80	195.60	...	0.01
-do- Acc	212.30	225.90	+0.10	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	139.40	148.30	+3.80	0.01
-do- Acc	142.30	151.40	+3.20	0.01
Pacific Basin	219.20	233.20	+1.70	0.59
-do- Acc	231.60	246.40	+1.80	0.59
Small Cos Rec	326.40	343.60	-1.90	2.29
-do- Acc	425.00	447.40	-2.40	2.29
UK Growth	80.38	85.52	-0.51	2.26
-do- Acc	94.70	100.80	-0.60	2.26
Worldwide Gth	291.00	309.60	-1.40	0.18
-do- Acc	429.10	456.50	-2.20	0.18
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282873				
General	81.31	87.34	-0.51	2.20
Income	64.37	69.07	-0.40	5.00
International	59.23	63.54	-0.20	0.70
American	59.31	63.64	-0.04	0.30
Japan	57.96	62.21	+0.28	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	62.40	66.95	-0.52	1.70
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	377.70	399.40	-2.00	0.89
-do- Acc	466.70	493.47	-2.50	0.89
American Rec	413.20	437.00	-2.10	0.22
-do- Acc	473.40	500.70	-2.40	0.22
Am Sm Co Acc	123.80	130.90	-0.10	...
Australia Acc	160.50	169.70	+0.20	1.15
Capital	718.30	759.60	-5.00	2.19
-do- Acc	802.30	848.40	-5.50	2.19
Commodity Acc	424.30	448.70	+1.50	0.98
Compnd Gth	877.90	928.30	-9.20	2.56
Dividend	38.10	40.30	-0.50	4.01
-do- Acc	150.90	159.90	-1.70	4.01
Equity Inc	322.90	341.50	-2.20	4.38
European Div	64.60	68.30	-0.40	3.78
-do- Acc	74.80	79.10	-0.50	3.78
European Gen	432.20	457.10	-2.20	0.85
-do- Acc	542.90	574.20	-2.80	0.85
Extra Yield	400.60	423.80	-3.70	4.10
-do- Acc	1196.9	1265.6	-11.00	4.10
Far Eastern	318.60	337.10	-2.20	0.43
-do- Acc	420.60	444.80	-2.80	0.43
Fund of Inv	555.80	587.80	-5.90	2.01
-do- Acc	1013.8	1072.2	-10.80	2.01
General	57.30	60.50	-0.60	3.45
-do- Acc	152.90	161.50	-1.60	3.45
Gilt Fxd Int	65.71	65.79	-0.73	7.11
do Acc	167.52	167.73	-1.92	7.11
Gold	49.30	52.10	+1.80	1.05
-do- Acc	57.90	61.20	+2.10	1.05
High Inc	27.00	28.60	-0.20	4.15
-do- Acc	102.30	108.30	-1.00	4.15
Intl Growth	71.00	75.10	-0.20	0.67
-do- Acc	122.90	130.00	-0.40	0.67
Intl Inc	97.80	103.40	-0.60	4.41
Japan Gen Acc	54.40	57.50	+0.30	...
Japan Smllr Cos	163.00	172.30	+0.90	...
Midland	60.00	63.50	-0.40	2.83
-do- Acc	192.20	203.40	-1.10	2.83
Recovery	38.90	41.10	-0.40	2.45
-do- Acc	61.90	65.40	-0.60	2.45
Second Gen	67.00	70.90	-0.50	3.19
-do- Acc	166.10	175.70	-1.30	3.19
Smaller Cos	65.30	69.10	-0.30	2.77
-do- Acc	125.40	132.60	-0.60	2.77
Trustee	42.30	44.70	-0.40	3.54
Charifund J	1117.46	...	-0.90	9.18
Charifund 2	660.80	687.70	-6.10	4.90
Pension ex 1	894.40	916.80	-9.70	4.12
NAACIF Inc 3	348.71	...	-0.30	6.82
-do- Acc 3	1202.0	...	-6.30	6.82
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 400, Chester X, CH99 9QG 0244 688066				
Inv Port Inc	142.80	152.60	-0.39	1.92
-do- Acc	160.00	171.10	-0.39	1.92
UK Income	120.00	128.40	-0.23	2.34
-do- Acc	135.60	145.10	-0.23	2.34
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	87.23	93.83	-0.43	0.43
Far East	143.90	152.90	-0.20	0.16
Income Growth	75.04	79.88	-0.84	3.25
European	74.63	79.23	-1.01	1.09
Nth American	56.68	60.17	-0.37	0.44
UK Growth	81.26	86.26	-0.61	1.99
Intl Growth	99.95	106.10	-0.40	0.33
Charities	114.10	121.20	-1.27	3.91
Intl Income	70.43	74.77	-0.73	4.14
Japan	58.53	62.13	-0.13	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	186.80	198.30	...	...
-do- Acc	199.80	211.90	...	...
Cash	100.80	100.80	+0.10	5.56
-do- Acc	130.90	130.90	...	5.56
Emrg Mkts Acc	95.33	102.50	-1.00	...
European Gth	208.10	220.90	-2.30	0.22
-do- Acc	223.70	237.50	-2.40	0.22
General	481.60	513.70	-3.80	2.36
-do- Acc	921.80	983.30	-7.00	2.36
Global Dist	129.00	135.60	-4.00	5.38
-do- Acc	148.30	155.90	-0.30	5.38
Income	146.40	156.00	-1.10	4.37
-do- Acc	217.40	231.60	-1.80	4.37
International	408.10	435.00	-1.90	0.64
-do- Acc	542.80	578.40	-2.50	0.64
Japan Acc	203.70	216.10	+1.20	...
New Europe	151.80	161.90	-1.60	1.60
-do- Acc	154.30	164.60	-1.50	1.60
Recovery	305.80	326.20	-1.40	2.75
-do- Acc	386.40	412.20	-1.70	2.75
European Inc	77.52	82.16	-0.68	2.97
-do- Acc	100.40	106.40	-0.90	2.97
Brit Blue Chip	75.09	80.01	-0.52	3.15
-do- Acc	88.56	94.36	-0.62	3.15
Portfolio	76.48	81.39	-1.25	2.78
-do- Acc	87.77	93.40	-0.57	2.78
Gold General	118.70	127.60	+6.70	0.73
-do- Acc	121.30	130.60	+7.10	0.73
Pacific	97.88	104.40	-0.90	0.80
-do- Acc	104.10	111.00	-0.90	0.80
UK Smaller Cos	56.71	60.49	-0.09	1.80
-do- Acc	63.72	67.97	-0.11	1.80
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 132 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD Dealing: 0742 520 280 Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	59.14	63.25	-0.12	2.57
-do- Acc	60.06	64.23	-0.11	2.57
British Dist	79.23	84.74	-0.08	2.04
-do- Acc	89.69	95.93	-0.05	2.04
European Gth	184.80	197.60	-3.00	0.03
-do- Acc	232.00	248.10	-3.90	0.03
Extra High Inc	73.11	78.19	-0.34	5.45
-do- Acc	130.80	139.90	-0.60	5.45
FT-SE 100 Index	49.72	53.18	-0.15	2.62
-do- Acc	50.47	53.98	-0.15	2.62
Gilt Fixed Int	57.82	60.19	-0.21	6.56
-do- Acc	156.50	162.90	-0.50	6.56
High Yield	233.70	249.90	-0.70	4.39
-do- Acc	548.60	586.70	-1.60	4.39
Income	290.60	310.80	-0.50	3.12
-do- Acc	614.50	657.20	-0.90	3.12
Japan Gth	365.00	390.40	-3.80	...
-do- Acc	385.27	412.00	-4.10	...
Mandarin Acc	103.80	111.00	-0.40	0.80
North American	162.60	173.90	+0.10	0.53
-do- Acc	205.20	219.50	+0.20	0.53
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enq: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	276.10	293.80	+1.30	...
Deposit Inc	99.96	99.96	+0.01	5.59
Deposit Acc	123.80	123.80	+0.01	5.59
Euro Gth Acc	314.60	337.30	-3.60	...
Europe	136.60	147.30	-1.00	...
Intl Gth	176.20	188.20	-1.00	...
Japan Tracker	80.12	84.89	-0.43	...
UK Equity Inc	164.00	176.30	-1.30	3.76
-do- Acc	201.10	216.20	-1.60	3.76
UK Ind Tracker	147.90	158.40	-1.30	3.04
US Eq Ind Trkr	190.00	201.60	+0.20	1.47
-do- Acc	202.10	214.50	+0.20	1.47
Asian Trader	174.00	188.30	-0.50	0.43
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	165.60	169.60	-0.80	1.75
European	65.59	66.79	-0.79	1.59
Olympiad	58.76	60.32	-0.35	0.18
Global Bond	48.74	49.22	-0.22	6.16
Smaller Cos	71.30	74.52	-0.26	1.20
Equity Income	94.93	97.49	-0.70	5.06
UK Growth	86.31	89.07	-0.44	1.74
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Hilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222 Dealing: 0705 367730				
American Acc	46.84	49.96	+0.07	1.20
Australian Acc	304.90	327.10	+3.10	...
Conscience	65.73	70.14	-0.18	1.19
-do- Acc	70.95	75.71	-0.20	1.19
European	177.40	188.70	-2.40	0.91
-do- Acc	190.80	202.90	-2.70	0.91
Extra Income	74.89	79.52	-0.11	5.56
-do- Acc	118.10	123.80	-0.20	5.56
Far East Gth	174.80	186.80	-0.40	0.03
Gilt Fxd Inc	60.15	63.48	-0.61	6.34
Gold	41.19	44.29	+1.36	...
-do- Acc	44.36	47.69	+1.46	...
Income	54.61	58.25	-0.19	4.74
-do- Acc	167.10	178.20	-0.60	4.74
International	30.61	32.83	-0.19	0.64
-do- Acc	43.99	47.18	-0.27	0.64
Jap Sm Cos Acc	369.40	394	-1.30	...
S pore Mly Acc	213.40	228.80	-1.90	...
Smllr Cos Acc	26.71	28.72	-0.09	0.66
Special Sits	33.64	36.17	-0.09	1.74
-do- Acc	38.74	41.65	-0.12	1.74
Tokyo	89.03	94.96	-0.85	...
-do- Acc	89.93	95.92	-0.86	...
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	69.41	73.85	+0.01	2.64
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	78.42	82.99	-0.44	5.55
N&P Higher Inc	212.60	226.20	-1.00	4.54
N&P UK Income	106.90	113.80	-0.20	3.50
N&P Intl	91.09	96.91	-0.42	1.78
N&P Smaller Cos	79.43	84.50	-0.06	1.51
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR 071 332 9000				
General	172.97	184.02	-0.91	2.02
Global	306.87	326.46	-2.59	3.06
Growth	113.84	121.11	-0.35	1.93
Income	213.54	227.18	-0.29	3.70
Intl Bond	135.85	144.25	-0.74	6.76
Intrepid Fd	97.03	101.08	...	1.70
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 508, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	143.80	151.40	-1.10	2.45
-do- Acc	254.90	268.20	-2.00	2.45
Income	231.80	246.50	-1.90	3.28
Intl Equity	230.10	244.80	-1.30	0.72
-do- Acc	253.50	269.70	-1.50	0.72
Equity	225.60	240.00	-1.30	2.32
-do- Acc	462.60	492.10	-3.20	2.32
UK Intl 25 Acc	72.75	77.39	-0.53	1.80
UK Income	63.41	67.46	-0.50	2.83
UK Smllr Co Acc	81.88	87.10	-0.58	1.39
New Europe Acc	65.05	69.19	-0.76	0.95
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	100.88	107.90	+0.73	0.26
PEP Growth	106.92	114.36	+0.75	1.12
Intl Gth	516.64	552.56	+3.15	0.45
Income	330.01	352.96	+0.97	2.92
W'wide Recov	328.58	352.50	-1.28	0.34
American Gth	212.27	227.03	-4.47	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	201.46	215.47	+1.67	0.05
Far East Gth	236.83	253.30	+1.75	0.20
European Gth	124.30	132.98	-0.34	0.94
UK Growth	82.35	88.08	+0.17	2.53
High Income	89.41	95.63	+0.10	4.20
Japanese Gth	230.52	245.30	+2.44	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443				
International	184.30	196.10	+0.20	0.66
High Income	115.70	123.00	-0.50	3.49
Conv Gilt	116.80	124.30	-0.20	5.52
Far East	325.00	348.30	+0.70	0.06
Global Inc Acc	32.90	35.00	-0.21	4.89
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	50.83	54.07	-0.09	0.20
Emerging Mkts	70.42	74.91	-2.66	0.51
General	49.12	52.26	-0.17	3.07
International	87.34	92.91	-0.58	1.30
Gilt Units	26.39	27.21	-0.11	7.08
Global PEP	36.53	38.86	-0.72	1.92
Income Gth	69.30	73.72	-0.12	4.44
European	46.16	49.11	-0.72	0.61
Gilt/Fixed Int	26.93	28.65	-0.22	5.46
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/69 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314 Pricebank: 0426 925891				
Pru Mngd Tst	32.69	34.96	-0.10	1.53
Pru Gth Rvn Inc	101.21	101.71	+0.01	4.78
-do- Acc	106.39	106.92	+0.01	4.78
Pru Equity	685.58	733.25	-2.88	2.46
Pru Equity Inc	82.44	88.17	-0.73	4.39
Pru European	185.29	198.17	-2.66	0.84
Pru Global Gth	81.85	87.53	-0.37	1.22
Pru High Inc	89.55	95.77	-0.17	4.49
Pru Intl	165.17	176.65	-0.85	1.06
Pru Intl Sm Co	71.44	76.40	-0.42	0.64
Pru Japanese	208.58	223.08	-1.11	...
Pru Nth Amer	147.51	157.76	+0.81	0.79
Pru Pacific Mkt	81.20	86.84	-0.22	1.07
Pru Prmr Inc	51.92	54.05	-0.51	5.01
Pru Smllr Cos	86.33	92.33	-0.33	2.17
Pru Spec Sits	101.33	108.37	-0.18	2.31
Pru UK Growth	113.04	120.89	-0.36	2.40
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 2861/4				
FA Income	162.38	173.54	-1.47	3.47
FA Japan	290.45	309.11	-0.11	...
FA Maj UK Cos	94.69	101.14	-0.67	2.48
FA America Inc	503.89	536.66	-0.46	0.89
-do- Acc	587.19	625.39	-0.54	0.89
EA Smlr UK Cos	281.40	304.65	-1.17	1.52
FA European	271.82	288.02	-2.42	1.22
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	72.46	77.09	-0.43	3.61
Capital Units	148.50	158.00	-1.60	1.09
Commodity	99.25	105.60	+1.70	1.16
European Gth	169.30	180.10	-1.90	1.09
Financial Sec	182.60	194.30	-1.90	1.31
High Return	220.80	234.90	-2.40	3.57
High Yield	218.80	232.80	-2.40	3.84
Income Units	114.30	121.60	-1.10	4.53
Investment	189.80	201.90	-2.60	1.04
Japan Gth	168.40	179.10	+0.80	...
Japan Smaller	198.90	211.60	+1.00	...
Masterfund	49.50	52.66	+0.07	0.86
Scotbits	273.30	290.70	-1.70	0.98
Scotshares	266.70	283.70	-1.90	2.41
Scotyields	229.60	244.30	-2.30	3.87
Select Intl	131.80	140.20	-1.30	0.59
Smaller Cos	243.30	258.80	-0.30	3.52
Special Situation	113.10	120.30	-1.30	0.45
UK Equity	230.60	245.30	-2.80	2.68
US Growth	139.10	148.00	-0.20	0.26
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St, London, EC4V 4EL. Client line: 0800 526 535 Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	237.69	252.91	+4.94	0.56
-do- Acc	257.52	274.01	+5.35	0.56
Australian	128.43	136.59	+1.57	0.33
-do- Acc	151.76	161.87	+1.86	0.33
UK Enterprise	227.97	243.16	-0.39	2.16
-do- Acc	266.40	284.16	-0.45	2.16
European Gth	64.91	69.01	-0.53	1.22
-do- Acc	67.41	71.68	-0.54	1.22
Euro Smllr Cos	60.96	65.01	-0.17	0.59
-do- Acc	61.57	65.65	-0.17	0.59
Far Eastern Gth	77.21	82.35	+0.68	...
-do- Acc	78.46	83.68	+0.69	...
Fixed Interest	54.65	57.59	-0.23	5.85
-do- Acc	68.68	72.37	-0.30	5.85
Gilt Income	105.52	112.27	-0.52	7.15
-do- Acc	152.87	161.13	-0.75	7.15
Income	334.24	356.52	-0.07	3.03
-do- Acc	1004.4	1071.4	-0.20	3.03
Japan Enterprise	71.30	76.05	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	71.30	76.05	+0.10	...
Japan Smllr Cos	513.56	549.79	+5.13	...
-do- Acc	514.59	548.89	+5.14	...
Pacific Gth	101.56	108.33	+0.77	0.09
-do- Acc	104.58	111.55	+0.80	0.09
Smaller Cos	203.09	216.62	-1.09	0.85
-do- Acc	234.89	250.54	-1.26	0.85
Tokyo	117.30	125.12	+1.04	...
-do- Acc	118.49	126.38	+1.05	...
UK Equity	222.00	236.80	-0.06	2.53
-do- Acc	416.95	444.74	-0.11	2.53
US Smllr Cos	140.10	149.43	+2.89	...
-do- Acc	140.10	149.43	+2.89	...
Wodo Fd	73.69	78.60	+0.02	1.71
-do- Acc	78.33	83.55	+0.02	1.71
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	48.94	52.12	-0.47	3.72
Equity Strategy	65.82	70.10	-0.58	1.04
European Opps	77.29	82.31	-0.77	3.22
Maximum Inc	98.34	100.78	+0.01	5.38
UK Smaller Cos	58.33	62.12	-0.27	1.33
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	356.20	380.50	-0.40	2.75
American	249.00	264.40	-0.70	0.73
Pacific	351.30	375.70	-2.50	0.55
European	480.30	513.70	-5.90	1.09
Worldwide	84.70	90.59	-0.38	1.09
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	310.90	330.80	-1.80	2.03
UK Sm Cos Eqty	221.00	235.20	-1.10	1.96
European	351.80	374.30	-5.80	1.58
North American	258.00	274.50	+1.70	0.59
Income Plus Inc	69.38	73.81	-0.53	2.78
UK Spec Sits	71.95	76.53	-0.54	2.17
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	26.57	28.76	-0.39	2.36
Intl Growth Acc	30.45	32.50	-0.10	1.04
Market Ldrs Acc	26.80	28.68	-0.22	2.96
FOR SOTR TRUSTS SEE HENDERSON				
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226				
European	107.10	...	-0.30	...
Global Bond	105.10	...	-1.10	7.16
Japan Samurai	101.30	...	-1.39	...
UK Growth	101.40	...	+0.20	3.91
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	46.17	49.06	-0.50	1.46
Equity Gth Acc	63.90	67.90	-0.80	1.06
UK Eq General	43.45	46.13	-0.50	2.06
-do- Acc	57.33	60.92	-0.60	2.06
European Acc	44.08	46.84	-0.50	0.71
Far East Acc	58.69	62.36	-0.40	0.29
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	33.04	34.94	-0.40	5.75
N American Acc	43.16	45.86	...	0.61
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	290.10	314.80	-1.50	1.20
UK Eq High Inc	37.81	40.16	-0.60	3.41
-do- Acc	44.91	47.72	-0.70	3.41
UK Lgr Cos Inc	302.10	327.80	-4.00	3.61
UK Lgr Cos Acc	393.20	426.70	-5.30	3.61
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Bishops Court, 28 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	N253.77	N254.01	...	1.33
US Eq	$2.197	$2.334	...	1.14
Far East Eq	Y255.6	Y271.5	...	...
Japan Eq	Y260.4	Y276.5	...	...
FT Europe	118.60	125.90	...	2.07
FT North Am	$1.792	$1.857	...	1.39
FT Japan	Y249.9	Y265.5	...	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$2.022	$2.147	...	1.42
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	341.60	364.50	-1.40	0.33
British	989.20	1046.60	-4.00	3.41
European	426.70	454.40	-3.50	1.29
Japan	159.30	169.00	-0.20	...
New Pacific	312.70	333.00	-0.90	0.98
Mngd Cash	96.12	96.12	...	5.07
Majority Stlg	100.32	101.32	+0.01	4.78
Inv Tst	200.60	212.60	-1.70	1.69
Saints PEP	403.80	425.00	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690399				
Equity Acc	757.40	810.10	-3.40	2.75
N America Acc	118.30	126.50	...	0.19
Far East Acc	131.80	141.00	-0.40	0.24
W'wide Bond	62.68	66.54	-0.33	5.26
European	88.83	95.01	-1.26	0.72
Equity Income	88.42	94.57	-0.22	3.71
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	33.61	35.95	+0.15	0.53
Managed Assets	123.58	132.18	-0.84	2.75
UK Income	38.64	41.33	-0.32	2.99
UK Growth	37.98	40.63	-0.27	2.21
Worldwide Gth	32.53	34.80	+0.08	0.55
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	211.71	225.22	+0.35	...
-do- Acc	233.18	248.06	+0.37	...
British Gth	88.40	94.04	-0.37	1.98
-do- Acc	103.97	110.60	-0.43	1.98
European	101.30	107.77	-0.80	0.69
-do- Acc	107.66	114.53	-0.86	0.69
Extra Inc	192.85	205.16	+0.55	4.00
-do- Acc	314.89	334.99	+0.90	4.00
General Unit	270.79	288.07	-0.89	2.46
-do- Acc	540.91	575.43	-1.79	2.46
Income	340.97	362.73	-0.96	3.50
-do- Acc	708.53	753.76	-2.00	3.50
International	498.59	530.42	-1.68	0.25
-do- Acc	652.71	694.37	-2.20	0.25
Pacific	358.70	381.60	-1.03	...
-do- Acc	376.91	400.97	-1.08	...
Premier Income	54.01	56.26	-0.24	6.24
-do- Acc	114.20	118.96	-0.51	6.24
Nat Resources	123.49	131.37	-0.46	...
-do- Acc	135.53	144.18	-0.50	...
Selected Opps	101.84	108.34	+1.54	1.13
-do- Acc	128.45	136.65	+1.95	1.13
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD Swan House, 33 Queen St, London EC4R 1AX 071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3001				
Amer Sml Cos	68.70	73.28	+0.02	...
-do- Acc	70.86	75.58	+0.01	...
European Opps	64.28	68.27	-1.04	0.43
-do- Acc	64.95	68.98	-1.04	0.43
Japan	94.91	101.23	-0.01	...
-do- Acc	94.91	101.23	-0.01	...
Little Dragons	80.98	86.37	-0.07	0.58
-do- Acc	83.36	88.91	-0.07	0.58
Oriental Income	57.75	61.60	-0.24	3.40
-do- Acc	57.75	61.60	-0.24	3.40
Tiger	223.25	238.13	-0.81	1.11
-do- Acc	234.55	250.18	-0.84	1.11
UK Small Cos	88.64	94.80	-0.33	1.68
-do- Acc	103.42	110.60	-0.39	1.68
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	16.21	17.24	+0.47	0.50
Pacific Basin	33.97	36.13	+0.12	0.60
Canadian Gth	35.11	37.35	-0.15	...
Global Bond	$0.985	$1.026	+0.000	6.91
Penny Share	25.64	27.27	-0.21	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3532				
City Reserve	53.37	53.32	+0.01	4.88
Gilt Growth	72.27	75.23	-0.93	...
Gltr Income	55.66	58.86	-0.79	7.00
Short Dtd Gilt	111.00	112.40	-0.50	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.720	$0.729	+0.000	...
Challenger	97.45	99.73	-1.47	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	71.26	75.80	+0.23	1.84

Source: Finstat
* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	10,000	Cadbury	2,500	MB Cardn	649	Scot Power	2,800
Abbey Natl	2,300	Carlton Cms	959	Marks Spr	4,400	Sears	5,300
Alld-Lyons	2,800	Coats Vly	5,200	NFC	368	Svrn Trent	2,000
Anglian W	694	Cm Union	523	NatWst Bk	4,200	Shell Trans	1,600
Argyll Gp	2,600	Courtaulds	365	Nat Power	2,300	Siebe	1,700
Arjo Wiggn	2,000	De La Rue	536	Nth Wst W	1,100	SmKl Bch	3,200
AB Foods	302	Enterpr Oil	879	Nthrn Fds	2,000	Smith Nph	3,100
BAA	1,100	Forte	881	P & O	2,100	Std Chartd	950
BAT Inds	2,200	GRE	1,000	Pearson	1,000	Sun Allnce	1,300
BOC	1,100	GUS A	59	PowerGen	1,600	TI Gp	771
BP	5,100	Gen Acc	426	Prudential	4,200	TSB	2,800
BT	8,600	Gen Elec	3,800	RMC	1,400	Tate & Lyle	976
BTR	7,500	Glaxo	6,000	RTZ	2,700	Tesco	10,000
Bk of Scot	1,200	Granada	1,600	Rank Org	5,800	Thames W	749
Barclays	3,100	Grand Met	4,100	Reckitt Col	250	Thrn EMI	1,500
Bass	1,100	Guinness	6,900	Redland	2,000	Tomkins	4,400
Blue Circle	3,100	HSBC	3,500	Reed Intl	860	Unilever	961
Boots	2,500	Hanson	5,900	Rentokil	151	Utd Bisc	5,500
Bowater	739	ICI	1,700	Reuters	1,500	Vodafone	4,900
Brit Aero	2,900	Inchcape	1,900	Rothmans	531	Warburg (SG)	341
Brit Airwys	4,400	Kingfisher	2,900	Ryl Ins	1,400	Wellcome	1,400
Brit Gas	4,100	Ladbroke	2,000	Ryl Bk Scot	1,300	Whitbd 'A'	712
Brit Steel	5,000	Land Secs	1,100	Sainsbury	5,300	Wlms Hld	1,400
Burmah Cast	310	Legal & Gn	775	Scot Hydro	2,000	Wolseley	236
Cable Wire	2,400	Lloyds Bk	2,700	Scot & New	1,600	Zeneca	1,300

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3624.98 (-8.67)
S&P Composite 459.52 (-2.08)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 20502.15 (-445.64)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 7418.11 (-70.66)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 123.3 (-0.9)

Sydney: AO 1902.6 (-1.0)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1855.67 (-4.72)

FT 30 share: 2331.2 (+10.0)

Brussels:
General 6680.14 (-28.62)

Paris: CAC 577.38 (-10.71)

Zurich: SKA Gen 553.50 (-2.30)

London:
FT A All-Share 1493.42 (+4.78)
FT 500 1610.83 (+6.42)
FT Gold Mines 168.9 (+13.9)
FT Fixed Interest 123.07 (-0.98)
FT Govt Secs 101.33 (-0.13)
Bargains 28442
SEAQ Volume 668.6m
USM (Datastrm) 144.66 (-0.16)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
September 13	September 24	December 9	December 20

Call options were taken out on 16/9/93: Amstrad, BM Group, BP, Euro Colour, Ferranti, McCarthy & Stone, Mirror Group, Monument Oil & Gas, NSM, Proteus, Shandwick, TR Tech.
Put: NSM. Puts & Calls: Avesco, BM Group, Monument Oil & Gas.

LIFFE OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Alld Lyon	550	40	50	59½	6	16	22
(*578)	600	12	22½	33½	27	41½	47
Argyll	300	13½	22	27½	8½	16½	19½
(*302)	330	3	9½	14½	30	36	38
ASDA	57	7	—	—	1½	—	—
(*62)	67	2	—	—	6½	—	—
Boots	460	34½	43	52½	5½	13½	18½
(*485)	500	9½	20	31	23	33	38½
Br Airways	345	22½	33	—	8½	19	—
(*356½)	360	14	25	34	16	26	31½
BP	300	12½	20	25	7	14	17½
(*302½)	330	2	8	12½	29	33	35½
Br Steel	110	6½	13	16	6½	10	13
(*110)	120	3	7½	12	13½	16½	18½
C & W	800	43½	61½	77	10½	24	30½
(*827)	850	15½	35½	50½	35	50	56
CU	580	39	—	—	5	—	—
(*607½)	639	10	—	—	28	—	—
ICI	681	59½	74	—	5	15½	—
(*725)	750	12	32	43	34½	47	62
Kingfshr	650	18	39½	52	20½	32	38½
(*651)	700	4	17½	30	59	63½	69
Land Sec	650	27½	40½	53½	10½	23½	29½
(*662)	700	6	17½	29½	42½	52½	58
M & S	360	26½	34½	41½	4½	9½	13
(*380)	390	8	17½	24½	17	23	26½
Nat West	460	38½	51	56	3½	10½	18
(*490)	500	12	26½	33	19	27½	37½
Sainsbury	420	39½	48½	57	3½	12	17
(*452)	460	12½	24½	33	18	28	32½
Shell	650	11½	29	37½	18	27½	38½
(*654)	700	1½	11½	15½	61	62	70½
Smkl Bch	390	32	43	51½	7	18	23
(*409)	420	14	29	36½	22	33	37½
Storehse	220	12½	19	22½	6	12	15
(*223½)	240	4	9½	14½	18½	23½	27
Trafalgar	92	8½	—	—	3½	—	—
(*98)	101	4½	—	—	8	—	—
Unilever	1000	67	85½	98½	6½	21	30½
(*1049)	1050	39½	54	67	23½	43	52
Zeneca	700	33	55½	64½	14½	27½	44
(*726)	750	10½	31	39½	45	59½	72
	Series	Oct	Feb	May	Oct	Feb	May
Grnd Met	420	16½	29	35	11½	25	27
(*422)	460	3½	13	18½	40½	51	54
Ladbroke	180	18	24	26½	5	10½	16
(*194½)	200	5½	14	16½	15½	21½	27
Utd Bisc	330	29	38	41½	6	14	19½
(*352)	360	11	22½	26	21½	29	39

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Nov	Jan	Apr	Nov	Jan	Apr
BAA	800	43	52	67½	17½	26½	32½
(*817)	850	17½	27½	42½	44	54	59½
Thames W	550	23½	30½	40½	17½	23½	28
(*555)	600	5	11½	19	53	56½	60
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAT Ind	457	30½	43½	—	9½	16	—
(*465½)	475	16	28½	—	21½	27½	—
BTR	360	19	25½	29½	8½	14½	19
(*373)	390	6	13½	17	27½	32	36½
Br Aero	390	38	57	64½	18½	33	41
(*408½)	420	24½	42	50	34½	49	57
Br Telcm	390	35½	40½	45½	3½	9	11½
(*417)	420	14½	21	28	14	22½	25
Cadbury	453	21½	33½	39½	12½	20½	29
(*460½)	493	6	15½	19	41½	45	53½
Guinness	420	45½	57½	62	5½	11½	17½
(*457½)	460	18	32½	37½	20½	27½	35
GEC	330	16½	23	29½	7½	14½	15½
(*335)	360	4½	10½	15½	29	—	33
Hanson	240	19	23	25	4	8½	10½
(*252½)	260	7	12½	15	13	18	20½
LASMO	130	11½	18	21	8	11½	14½
(*133)	140	7½	13	16½	14½	17½	20
Lucas	140	16	21	23½	5½	9	12
(*151)	160	5½	11	13½	17	20½	23½
Pilkingtn	140	19	23	24	3½	8	9½
(*152½)	160	7½	13	14½	13	18½	21
Prudential	330	12½	21½	25	13½	17½	24½
(*331½)	360	3½	9½	12½	36½	38	43½
Redland	500	44	55½	62½	13	20½	34
(*535)	550	16½	30	38	39	45½	61
Royal Ins	288	26	34	—	6½	11	—
(*300½)	317	9½	18	—	21	29½	—
Tesco	200	20½	26½	29	5	9	13½
(*215)	220	8½	15	18½	14½	18½	24
Vodafone	460	45	56½	66	9	20	24
(*491½)	500	23	33½	44½	27½	38	43½
Williams	300	29½	37½	40½	5	9½	15
(*326)	330	11½	20½	24	18½	23½	30

FT-SE INDEX (*3002)

	2900	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150
Calls						
Sep	103	53	9	½	½	½
Oct	121	81	49	25	11	4½
Nov	142	105	75	50	31	18
Dec	163	127	96	71	49	33
Jun	240	—	178	—	130	—
Puts						
Sep	½	½	6	49	99	149
Oct	14	25	42	70	111	160
Nov	29	41	61	87	121	163
Dec	40	54	74	100	131	168
Jun	95	—	134	—	185	—

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Abby Nat	390	29	37	40½	11	19	22½
(*402)	420	14	22	26	27	35	38
Amstrad	40	5½	7½	8½	3½	5	5½
(*41½)	45	3½	5	6½	6½	7½	8½
Barclays	500	30	42	47½	17	28	32½
(*509)	550	9½	19½	25½	50	57½	61
Blue Circ	260	28	36½	39	9½	14	21
(*279)	280	16½	25½	28	17½	23½	30½
Br Gas	300	31	35½	38½	5½	8½	13½
(*326½)	330	10	19	22	18	21½	28
Dixons	240	32½	38½	44	8½	14½	17½
(*259)	260	20	27	33½	17½	23½	27
Forte	220	26	32½	35	7½	15	18½
(*237)	240	14	22	24½	15½	23	28½
Hillsdwn	160	13	17	18½	10	13½	19½
(*164½)	180	5	9	10	23½	26½	33
Lonrho	110	16½	20	22½	5	8½	10½
(*119)	120	11	15	18	9	13½	15½
Sears	110	9½	12½	14	5	6½	8½
(*114½)	120	4½	7	8½	11	12	14
Thrn EMI	950	54½	78	96	24	35½	42½
(*976½)	1000	35½	51½	67½	48	60½	66
Tomkins	220	26	30½	35	6	10½	12½
(*238)	240	13½	19	24½	15	19	22
TSB	200	13½	18	21½	10½	16	18
(*201)	220	5½	9½	13½	23½	28	30
Wellcome	700	49	68½	83	41	53	61½
(*708½)	750	26½	47	60	71	82½	91
	Series	Sep	Dec	Apr	Sep	Dec	Apr
Glaxo	600	55	76½	—	31	50½	—
(*634½)	650	32	53	—	59½	77	—
HSBC	650	63½	85	—	19	38½	—
(*693½)	700	34	56½	—	42½	64	—
Reuter	1500	110	142	—	39	71½	—
(*1545)	1550	79	113½	—	62	94½	—
	Series	Dec	Feb	May	Dec	Feb	May
R-Royce	137	14	16½	—	8½	10½	—
(*142)	156	6	9½	—	21	22½	—
	Series	Oct	Dec	Mar	Oct	Dec	Mar
Fisons	160	15	18	24	4	8½	13½
(*169)	180	4½	8½	15	15	20½	25
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Eastrn Elc	500	50½	58½	64½	3½	10½	13
(*540½)	550	17	27½	34½	21	31	33½
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Natl Pwr	360	25	32½	38½	9	13½	19
(*373½)	390	10	17½	23	26	29½	34
Scot Pwr	350	28½	—	—	6	—	—
(*366)	390	7½	12½	18½	27½	31½	33½

September 16, 1993 Tot: 36467 Call: 18997 Put: 17470 FT-SE Call: 7719 Put: 6373
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 60235	Sep 93	2992.0	3003.0	2985.0	3002.5	10406
	Dec 93	3016.0	3028.0	3010.0	3025.0	6173
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 321343	Dec 93	94.21	94.29	94.20	94.27	27096
	Mar 94	94.30	94.38	94.30	94.38	12210
	Jun 94	94.29	94.34	94.25	94.33	6319
Three Mth Eurodollar Previous open interest: 8641	Dec 93	96.49	96.51	96.49	96.49	484
	Mar 94	96.44	96.48	96.43	96.44	156
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 575059	Dec 93	93.93	93.97	93.92	93.95	23558
	Mar 94	94.45	94.47	94.42	94.46	13092
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 86624	Sep 93	112-05	112-09	111-21	112-07	492
	Dec 93	111-27	112-04	111-08	111-30	67127
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 93	111.58	111.62	111.45	111.56	1700
	Mar 94				110.62	0
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 149002	Dec 93	98.24	98.45	98.18	98.37	65267
	Mar 94	98.30	98.40	98.30	98.41	99
German Gov Bd Bobl Previous open interest: 14029	Dec 93	101.14	101.17	101.07	101.17	2094
	Mar 94					0
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 25631	Dec 93	93.12	93.21	93.08	93.16	4580
	Mar 94	93.91	93.98	93.88	93.96	1434
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 41622	Dec 93	95.54	95.56	95.49	95.51	3684
	Mar 94	95.89	95.89	95.86	95.89	244
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 62288	Dec 93	112.61	113.10	111.65	112.64	51843
	Mar 94	112.60	112.60	112.10	112.32	15

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 80.5 (day's range 80.5-80.9).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Sept 16	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7616-2.7720	2.7625-2.7659	⅛-¼ds	⅜-½ds
Brussels	52.12-52.87	52.14-52.34	12-21ds	35-45ds
Copenhagen	10.0440-10.1620	10.0440-10.0670	5¼-6¼ds	10-12¼ds
Dublin	1.0510-1.0530	1.0511-1.0526	7-11ds	22-29ds
Frankfurt	2.4572-2.4699	2.4572-2.4604	⅛-¼ds	⅜-⅝ds
Lisbon	249.23-253.35	249.31-249.95	99-105ds	300-325ds
Madrid	195.76-198.81	195.90-196.19	90-101ds	185-215ds
Milan	2363.80-2389.40	2364.60-2369.30	5½-6½ds	16-18ds
Montreal	2.0073-2.0345	2.0080-2.0109	0.29-0.24pr	0.48-0.37pr
New York	1.5300-1.5495	1.5305-1.5315	0.39-0.36pr	1.10-1.08pr
Oslo	10.7100-10.8080	10.7150-10.7380	⅜-⅞ds	2¼-2pr
Paris	8.5550-8.6250	8.5550-8.5770	⅞-1¼ds	2¼-3¼ds
Stockholm	12.1360-12.3040	12.1360-12.1760	1¼-4ds	4½-6½ds
Tokyo	160.42-162.34	160.47-160.74	¼-⅛ds	1¼-1pr
Vienna	17.16-17.38	17.17-17.20	½-1¼ds	1⅝-3¼ds
Zurich	2.1457-2.1558	2.1457-2.1487	⅛-¼pr	¾-½pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5314-1.5340
Australia dollar	2.3474-2.3508
Bahrain dinar	0.578-0.590
Brazil cruzeiro*	167.00-168.35
Cyprus pound	0.747-0.757
Finland marka	8.787-8.903
Greece drachma	351.5-358.5
Hong Kong dollar	11.8551-11.8645
India rupee	48.21-49.17
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4585-0.4685
Malaysia ringgit	3.8948-3.8990
Mexico peso	4.72-4.82
New Zealand dollar	2.7710-2.7779
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.747-5.873
Singapore dollar	2.4416-2.4448
S Africa rand (fin)	7.1437-7.1945
S Africa rand (com)	5.2252-5.2310
U A E dirham	5.6255-5.7495

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.5332-1.5344
Austria	11.22-11.23
Belgium (Com)	34.07-34.17
Canada	1.310-1.311
Denmark	6.54-6.55
France	5.615-5.625
Germany	1.607-1.608
Hong Kong	7.7308-7.7318
Ireland	1.455-1.456
Italy	1545.0-1547.0
Japan	104.85-104.95
Malaysia	2.544-2.545
Netherlands	1.805-1.806
Norway	6.97-6.98
Portugal	162.9-163.2
Singapore	1.5948-1.5958
Spain	127.95-128.15
Sweden	7.915-7.935
Switzerland	1.4035-1.4045

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6½ Low 5¼ Week fixed: 5⅞
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅝; 3 mth 5¼. Sell: 2 mth 5½; 3 mth 5⅜.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	
Sterling Money Rates	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5¾-5⅞
Interbank	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5¾-5⅞

Overnight: open 6; close 6.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps	5⅞	n/a	5⅞	5⅞	5⅞
Sterling CDs	5¾-5⅞	5¾-5⅞	5¾-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞
Dollar CDs	3.08-3.05	n/a	3.12-3.09	3.28-3.24	3.45-3.42
Building Society CDs	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: August 31, 1993 Agreed rates Sept 26, 1993 to Oct 25, 1993 Scheme III: 7.15 %. Reference rate July 31, 1993 to August 31, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 5.896 %.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar	3-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅜-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark	6¾-6⅝	6⅝-6½	6⅝-6½	6⅜-6¼	7-6
French Franc	7⅞-7⅝	7⅞-7⅝	7⅞-6⅞	6⅞-6⅞	8-7
Swiss Franc	4⅞-4⅝	4⅞-4⅝	4⅞-4⅝	4⅞-4⅝	5-4
Yen	3-2⅞	2⅞-2⅞	2⅞-2⅞	2⅞-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Bullion)

Bullion: Open $348.80-349.20 Close: $351.90-352.40 High: $353.20-353.70
Low: $347.55-348.05 Krugerrand: $350.50-353.50 (£228.75-230.75)
Sovereigns: Old $80.00-83.00 (£52.00-54.00) New $80.00-83.00 (£52.00-54.00)
Platinum: $360.90 (£234.35) Silver: $4.09 (£2.665) Palladium: $119.75 (£77.75)

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Cocoa hit limit up in the back months on the London Commodity Exchange. There was no apparent fresh news to provide the driving force for this latest rally, and it would merely seem that more and more trade sellers are lifting forward short hedges made earlier in the year. Coffee ended slightly weaker after traders took profits once the full details of the producer retention scheme were released.

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): In directionless trading, levels were largely unchanged.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Sep	860 SLR	Dec	965 SLR
Dec	901-900	Mar	978-973
Mar	929-928	May	985 SLR
May	938-935	Jul	986 SLR
Jul	943-940		
Sep	953-951		Volume: 24984

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	1348-1345	May	1255-1253
Nov	1285-1284	Jul	1255-1240
Jan	1270 BID	Sep	1255-1240
Mar	1258-1257		Volume: 1759

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

		Dec	unq
Spot unq		Mar	
May	unq	May	
Aug		Aug	
Oct			Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	279.5-78.6
Spot: 281.3		Oct	271.5-68.5
Dec	269.6-69.5	Dec	273.5-68.9
Mar	271.5-71.2	Mar	277.5-68.9
May	275.0-74.1		Volume: 109

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on September 16

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	64.74	79.81	119.46
(+/-)	-4.52	-1.35	-7.64
Eng/Wales:	64.66	79.67	119.10
(+/-)	-4.63	-1.54	-7.57
(%)	-6.3	-20.6	-14.4
Scotland:	71.93	80.69	122.03
(+/-)	+5.08	-1.35	-7.18
(%)	n/a	-48.3	-39.5

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq	...	Mar	unq	...
Sep	unq	—			Volume: 0

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Sep	101.75
Nov	103.00
Jan	105.05
Mar	107.00
May	109.10
	Volume: 475

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	100.65
Nov	102.55
Jan	104.90
Mar	106.95
May	107.90
	Volume: 50

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	
Dec	
Feb	
Apr	
	Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	70.0
Apr	84.0	85.9
May	unq	99.0
		Volume: 33

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Oct 58.50-59.00

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	15.45	+0.10
Brent 15 day (Oct)	15.70	+0.10
Brent 15 day (Nov)	16.10	+0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	16.90	+0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	17.30	+0.10

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	181 (n/c)	183 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	162 (-1)	163 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Oct	164 (n/c)	165 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Nov	167 (+1)	168 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	59 (n/c)	60 (n/c)
Naphtha	146 (n/c)	148 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Oct	160.50-60.75	Jan	unq
Nov	162.25-62.50	Feb	165.00-65.50
Dec	163.50-63.75	Mar	164.00-64.50
			Vol: 9531

BRENT (6.00pm)

Nov	16.07-16.08	Feb	16.75-16.77
Dec	16.33-16.35	Mar	16.94-16.98
Jan	16.56-16.58		Vol: 11102

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Oct	168.00-70.50	Jan	unq
Nov	173.25 SLR	Feb	unq
Dec	166.00-72.00		Vol: 5

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Sep 93	1455	1450	1454
Oct 93	1487	1471	1480
Nov 93	1492	1474	1478
Jan 94	1485	1471	1480

Vol: 289 lots. Open int'st: 3052 Index 1424 same

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff

(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1935.0-1936.0	1879.0-1880.0	2592175
Lead ($/tonne)	379.00-380.00	393.00-393.50	93850
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	872.50-873.00	889.50-890.00	296550
Tin ($/tonne)	4395.0-4400.0	4445.0-4450.0	16660
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1114.0-1115.0	1134.5-1139.0	959800
Nickel ($/tonne)	4399.0-4400.0	4448.0-4450.0	79026

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Attempt at rally

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began September 6. Dealings end today. §Contango day September 20. Settlement day September 27. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
425	345	Abbey Ntl	402	+3	11.5	3.6	15.5
284	179	Allied Irish	258	-1	...	4.0	14.4
197½	130	Ans New Z	169	-1	...	5.0	...
3806¼	2712½	Bankamerica	3043¾	-37½	...	...	...
255	177	Bk of Ireland	244	...	...	5.0	19.6
350	325	Bk Leumi UK	350	...	17.0	6.1	...
176	116½	Bank Scotland	162	+½	4.5	3.5	32.5
517	362	Barclays	505	...	...	...	...
4½	2	Benchmark	3½	...	...	...	...
21	15½	Carlisle	20	...	...	...	...
570	395	Cater Allen	564	-2	27.0	6.0	...
153	85	Cattles	141†	-3	...	3.7	18.8
2450	1787½	Chase Manh	2293¾	+12½	...	...	...
2331¼	1343½	Citicorp	2309¾	-18½	...	...	...
435	250	Close Bros	415	...	...	2.9	18.5
£130½	9275	Commerzbk	£121¼	...	...	3.2	...
£317½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£309½	-12½	...	1.9	...
95	45	First Nat Fin	91	+3½	...	0.7	...
1651	876	Fuji Bank Y	1469	+6	...	0.4	...
495	343	Gerrard Nat	493	...	21.5	5.5	13.1
774	490	HSBC	695	-4	18.0	3.5	16.5
752	474	HSBC HK	678	-2	19.0	3.5	16.1
389	243	Hambros	361	+2	14.0	4.8	16.7
413	313	Joseph (L)	408	-2	16.6	5.1	...
155	96	King Shaxson	143	-2	9.0	7.9	...
508	312	Kleinwort Ben	472	-3	16.0	4.2	16.4
591	492	Lloyds	549	+7	18.4	4.2	15.7
118	63	Lon Scot Bk	103	...	3.0	3.6	20.4
527	322	Nat Aust Bk	465	...	...	4.1	17.2
512	398	Nat West	490	+7	17.5	4.5	29.8
460	270	Provident	402†	-8	11.4	3.5	17.4
54	39	Rea Bros	51†	...	0.5	1.2	54.2
308	207	Ryl Bk Scot	298	+1	8.8	3.7	...
1395	487½	Schroders	1308	-5	...	1.1	25.9
994	576	Stand Chart	937	-2	20.0	2.7	...
218	145½	TSB	201	-1½	6.4	4.0	...
190	78	Union Disc	167	...	...	...	...
815	529	Warburg SG	782	-12	...	3.0	19.7
286	185	-do- 6% 'A'	276	-2	...	2.7	...
7850	4843½	Wells Fargo	7612½	-69½	...	1.4	...
187	121	Westpac	169	-2	...	4.2	...
285	188	Wintrust	283	...	9.3	4.1	25.3

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	517	Allied-Lyons	580	+5	...	4.5	15.7
647	441	Bass	473	-6	18.9	5.0	10.3
299	189	Boddington	277	...	7.3	3.3	16.0
459	362	Bulmer (HP)	453	...	...	2.8	19.8
187	129	Burtonwd Brw	164	...	4.7	3.6	13.7
130	75	Eldridge P 'A'▲	128	...	...	3.2	33.9
68½	50	Fosters Brewing	52	...	...	5.0	∞
427	338	Fullr Sm 'A'▲	427	+3	7.4	2.2	18.3
480	383	Grand Met	421	+3	12.3	3.7	13.9
427	347	Greenalls Grp	379	-2	11.7	3.9	12.6
572	505	Greene King	568	-1	...	2.7	15.9
521	437	Guinness	457½	-2½	...	3.2	16.3
281	230	Hardy Hanson	263	-1	7.9	3.8	14.6
125	105	Heavitree▲	120	...	3.0	3.2	28.6
353	255	Highland Distl	339	-1	6.0	2.2	22.5
3138	2538	Holt J	2988	...	41.0	1.7	19.5
80	33	Hoskins Brew	73	+4	...	...	52.6
323	250	Invrgordn Dist	294†	...	...	3.0	16.8
186	150	Macallan-Glen	150	-1	0.9	0.8	33.7
465	375	Macdn Marm 'A'	385	...	...	2.9	18.4
221	164	Mansfield	216	+2	...	2.2	15.5
299	231	Minton Tump	280	...	...	2.4	16.9
468	328½	Matthew Clark	468	+3	...	4.5	13.7
300	253	Mrydwn W	293	...	7.0	3.0	23.1
545	455	Morland	538	...	8.4	2.0	21.4
12	6½	Paramounts▲	10	...	...	2.1	17.7
187	145	Regent Inns	179	...	...	3.1	17.9
975	753	SA Breweries	864	+42	...	3.0	15.1
487	408	Scot & New	481	-2	...	4.4	15.0
225	181	Taunton Cider	212	-2	6.0	3.5	17.3
256	213	Vaux Group	252	-2	9.3	4.6	17.4
325	225	Wetherspoon JD	325	+1	...	1.8	26.3
559	435	Whitbread 'A'	540	+2	...	4.1	14.6
1413	850	-do- 'B'	1413	+13	...	1.6	35.5
613	480½	Wolvrhmptn D	483	-5	11.4	3.0	13.6
515	475	Young 'A'	478	...	14.5	3.8	19.8

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
120	73	Abbey	120†	...	...	1.0	45.0
25½	12½	Albrighton▲	18†	...	...	...	...
130	87	Allen▲	128	...	...	4.9	39.0
107	65	Amec	101	+2	3.0	...	18.4
12	4	Anglia Sec	8½	...	...	...	...
304	155	Ashtead▲	303	...	4.5	1.9	48.7
142	101	Atwoods	136	+1	5.0	4.6	19.7
260	180	BPB Ind	255	+1	...	3.7	43.9
89	57	Baggeridge Brk	87	...	3.1	4.5	39.2
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	29	...	0.5	2.4	...
108	74	Barcom	106	...	1.2	1.5	19.2
50½	32½	Bardon	44½	+½	2.0	5.7	21.5
165	94	Barratt Devs	164	-1	2.0	1.5	18.3
451	305	Bellway	449	-2	...	3.3	26.0
43	15	Bellwinch	41	-1	...	...	...
446	295½	Berkeley Gp	424	...	...	1.8	26.6
116	45	Bett Bros	108	...	...	0.6	4.4
63	36	Blockleys	55	...	1.0	2.5	60.8
288	189	Blue Circle	280	+3	...	5.1	...
285	230	Boot (Henry)	274	...	5.9	2.7	15.3
106	78	Breedon PLC	88	...	4.6	6.5	21.3
121	82	Br Dredging	117	...	5.2	5.7	25.4
86	45	Brit Fittings	75	-7	1.5	2.5	...
151	99	Bryant	145	...	4.8	4.1	31.0
98	53	CALA	98	...	2.3	3.0	∞
296	200	CRH	293†	-1	...	2.9	20.7
43	18	Cakebread Rby	40	+5	...	...	...
46	23	Costain	33	-1	...	...	...
143	86½	Countryside	140	...	...	3.7	37.0
85	39	Crest Nicholson	85	+1	0.0	...	...
112	27	Cussins	107	...	...	1.2	...
3½	1½	Dunton▲	3	...	...	...	...
25	15	Edmond Hldgs	18½	...	0.5	...	...
275	178	Epwin	273†	...	6.8	3.1	23.1
58	32	Erith	54	...	0.3	0.8	...
468	252	Eve Group▲	468	...	...	2.7	16.9
6	3½	Explamar▲	4½	...	...	...	...
140	97	Fremnin Gp▲	130	...	...	4.8	20.7
50	38	Galliford	47	...	4.3	...	18.9
78	52	Gibbs & Dandy	72†	...	...	1.7	...
918	695	Gleeson (MJ)	915	+2	12.7	1.7	14.8
144	90	Hewden-Stuart	139	...	...	2.9	31.6
51	28	Hewetson	46	+3	...	3.4	34.0
355	186	Heywd Wbn	347	-7	12.5	4.6	...
119	37	Higgs & Hill	109	-1	2.5	2.9	...
38	26	How Gp	38	...	...	4.9	...
21	15	Howard Hldgs	21	...	0.5	3.0	...
78	39	Ibstock Johnsen	76	...	1.0	1.6	...
19½	12½	Jarvis	19	...	...	...	...
316	196	Laing (J)	308	...	9.0	3.7	12.3
127½	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	127	...	...	6.3	...
95	55	Ln Clydeside▲	92	...	4.5	6.1	34.6
23	10½	Lovell (YJ)	17	...	...	...	7.7
350	240	Manders	333	-1	9.0	3.4	22.9
168	93	Marley	154†	-1	4.2	3.4	45.2
107	61	Marshalls	106	...	...	4.7	73.0
180	122	Maunders (J)	180	...	4.9	3.4	16.5
215	96	McAlpine (A)	213†	-1	6.5	3.8	26.9
40½	23	McCarthy & S	38	...	0.5	...	...
417	272	Meyer Ltd	400	-5	...	3.1	40.1
129	62	Mowlem (J)	121	-4	4.0	4.1	...
135	51	NSM	131	...	...	...	...
53	48	Needler▲	48	...	...	3.2	23.3
171	106	Newman Tnks	147	...	...	...	19.3
300	197	Persimmon	284	-1	8.6	3.8	28.2
31	12	Phoenix Timber	14	...	...	...	...
1625	1237½	Pochins	1525	...	29.0	2.4	9.3
163	80	Prowting	161	...	3.4	2.6	...
6½	1½	Quiltgold▲	2	...	...	...	...
833	555	RMC Gp	793	-6	...	3.2	29.5
117	75½	Raine Ind	89	...	6.0	8.4	14.9
36	20	Ramus▲	23	...	...	2.1	...
573	402	Redland	535	-12	25.0	5.8	31.1
80	64	Rostel	71	...	4.3	2.7	10.3
296	207	Rugby Group	272	...	6.4	3.0	20.6
50	23	Svrfld-Rvs▲	50	...	...	0.6	...
122	68	Sharpe & Fisher	127	...	...	4.0	21.8
234	86½	Sheffield Insl	224	+9	...	3.0	54.5
163	82	Sherrif Hldgs▲	163	...	...	1.5	24.3
95	66	Shorco▲	80†	...	...	8.1	18.2
240	196	Smart (J)	225	...	8.5	4.7	10.2
6½	2½	Sturmin	3½	...	...	3.6	...
161	103	Tarmac	149	-3	3.5	4.6	...
194	137	Tay Homes	175	...	5.8	4.2	11.2
139	63	Taylor Woodrw	111	-1	1.0	1.1	...
628	433	Tilbury Dougls	605	-3	33.0	6.8	19.7
39	19	Torex Hire▲	37	...	...	1.4	...
247	168	Travis Perkins	236	-3	8.0	4.2	41.6
40	28½	Try Group	30	...	1.0	4.2	8.4
28	25	Tudor▲	26	...	...	1.2	...
88½	41	Vibroplant	84†	+1	2.5	3.7	30.2
65	20	Ward Hldgs	48	...	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	33	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	425	...	...	3.5	18.3
26	8	Wescol▲	23	...	...	...	...
164	90	Westbury	163	-1	5.0	3.8	25.4
12	4½	West Scaffold▲	7½	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9#	...	...	...	...
461	371	Wilson Bowdn	452	...	8.7	2.4	30.8
205	147	Wilson (C)	191	+1	3.9	2.6	32.9
194	104	Wimpey G	174	-4	...	3.8	...
47	25	YRM	32	-4	0.5	2.0	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	633	+18	...	...	...
228	198	Adam & Harvey	228	...	12.0	6.6	4.2
92	56	Air London▲	75	...	...	5.8	9.3
56	37	African Lakes	47	...	2.0	5.3	...
178	125	Asto Sec	148	-1	...	4.5	26.5
138	84	BET Ord	126	+½	...	3.2	5.1
108	41	BNB Res	100	...	4.9	6.1	...
318	258	BPP	311	...	8.0	3.2	17.2
285	195	Barbour Index	220	...	8.0	4.5	15.0
24	15	Boustead	24	...	0.7	...	...
265	184	Brit Data Mgt	234	-2	4.7	2.6	∞
26	11	Broadcastle▲	25†	...	...	1.3	19.9
73	54	Brooks Service	65	...	...	...	...
109	86	CRT Gp	109	...	...	3.3	18.0
193	139½	Capita Group	191	...	...	1.4	29.8
45	31	Cashet Plc	42½	...	...	2.4	16.3
35	18½	Chiltern Capital	21	...	...	...	...
51	26	Christie	48	...	...	...	...
370	228	Chubb Sec	342	+2	...	1.7	21.2
100	18	Comac▲	93	-1	...	2.0	23.2
31	6½	Corp Services	31	+5	...	...	...
52	20	Coutts Cnslg	48	...	...	...	...
110	50	Dart	110	...	3.3	3.8	14.9
256	198	Davis Service	234	-8	...	4.3	17.4
104	85	EW Fact▲	95	...	4.3	5.7	10.9
32	11	Gardiner	31†	...	0.6	...	21.5
257	215	Hays	246	...	4.4	2.3	24.2
248	174	Hogg Robinsn	228	-3	...	3.6	16.6
20	35	Holmes Protectn	36	...	...	...	2.2
208	127	Hutch Whamp	193	-3	...	5.4	16.4
2065½	975	ISS B DKr	1950	...	...	2.4	5.6
637	519	Inchcape	535	+5	...	3.2	17.3
863	668	Johnson Clean	840	+7	25.7	3.8	18.3
12	2½	Lep	10	...	...	...	...
288	173	Mitie Gp	285	...	3.5	1.5	22.2
1187	893	Manpower	987	...	...	...	...
62	40½	Michael Page	62	...	1.8	3.7	26.1
279	167	Penna▲	167	...	...	7.5	6.3
4½	2	Prime People▲	2½	...	...	...	...
142	80	Prossfoot Alst	137	+5	...	11.8	7.0
423	337	RCO	387†	...	12.8	4.5	13.3
118	58	REA	98	...	4.0	5.1	...
106	43	Reed Executive	104	...	...	...	...
156	110	Reliance Sec▲	112	...	...	5.0	24.5
238	178	Rentokil	208	...	2.3	1.4	25.8
283	230	Rolfe & Nolan	240	...	...	3.6	14.0
399	334	Salvesen (C)	356	+1	...	2.7	19.5
38	26	Scot Pickford▲	39	...	...	2.6	12.4
6½	5	Select Appt▲	6	...	...	...	...
1140	695	Serco Gp	1140†	+7	14.0	1.5	31.5
152	124	Sherwd Cmpt▲	150	-8	...	5.9	4.3
170	90	Shorthley	100	...	...	3.8	22.9
355	310	Warner Howrd	345	...	6.5	2.4	18.0
45	27	Welpac	32	...	...	...	...
26½	14	Wills Gp	25½	...	0.4	2.0	∞

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	210	Allied Colloids	240	-1	...	2.2	21.1
861	613	Amersham	812	-1	...	2.1	28.1
...	1½	Anglo Utd	2½	...	...	...	...
£103½	8325	BASF DM	£100½	+100	...	3.2	...
287	199	BTP	277	-5	...	4.2	19.1
£125½	£101½	Bayer DM50	£119½	...	...	4.1	...
178	134	Blagden	168	...	9.5	...	18.1
265	93	Brent Chems	148	...	...	7.9	10.6
530	345	Br Bio-Tech	375	+2	...	...	...
39	12	Caird Gp	13	...	...	12.8	36.1
357	126	Canning (W)	144	...	7.2	6.3	16.5
608	504	Courtaulds	513	...	...	3.4	13.6
335	258	Croda	330	+1	...	3.0	18.8
140	121	Doeflex	136	...	4.6	4.2	10.4
225	175	Ellis & Everard	217	-1	...	4.1	20.7
34½	15½	Euro Colour	34	...	0.8	2.9	20.8
339	250	Halstead (J)	327	...	...	2.3	16.4
241	167	Hickson	186	-1	...	5.5	17.0
£114½	8850	Hoechst	£108½	-125	...	3.3	...
225	196	Holliday Chem	220†	...	...	2.1	20.3
749½	608	ICI	725	+3	...	4.7	...
668	576	Laporte	655	+35	19.5	3.8	17.9
240	187	Leigh	213	-13	...	4.6	20.6

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
97½	75	MFM	85	-1	...	...	...
1900	1402½	Norsk Hydro	1725	-21½	...	1.7	24.5
464	370	Paterson Zoch	461	...	11.4	3.1	19.9
420	360	-do- 'A'	419	...	11.4	3.4	18.1
286	221	Plysu	237	...	...	3.7	15.5
285	173	Porvair	285	...	3.6	1.7	28.2
70	35	Sutcliffe Speak	61	...	...	...	...
485	412	Wardle Storeys	477	-3	16.0	4.2	19.2
495	395	Wolstenholme R	493	...	17.0	4.3	16.9
401	338	Yorks Chem	394	...	...	2.6	20.0
306	238	Yule Catto	278	...	5.9	2.7	17.0
785	503	Zeneca	726	+2	...	4.8	42.3

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	53	Alexon	66†	...	...	5.7	...
87	42	Amber Day	75	...	3.1	5.2	20.6
352	257	Argos Plc	341	-1	...	2.6	28.9
25	12	Ashley Group	15	-½	...	...	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	108	...	0.1	0.1	...
316	278	Asprey	316	+1	5.1	2.0	21.9
134	94	Austin Reed	131	...	...	2.4	...
155	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	151	...	...	5.0	15.1
121	94	Bentalls	99	...	1.9	2.4	...
278	208	Bewerware	235	...	...	1.1	28.1
41	22	Blacks Leis	41	...	2.2	6.9	...
227	133	Body Shop	183	-1	...	1.2	23.6
16½	11½	Brown & Jackson	12½	-½	...	0.8	6.3
401	318	Brown (N)	391	...	...	2.2	23.0
87½	64½	Burton	72½	-½	...	3.4	...
149	126	Cantors	140	...	4.0	3.4	∞
360	295	Church	345†	...	12.5	4.5	30.7
183	97	Clinton Cards	158	-1	4.2	3.4	19.1
262	212	Coats Viyella	258½	...	...	3.6	35.3
112	78	Colourvision▲	103	...	5.6	6.8	18.5
700	374	Courts Furnish	695†	...	5.5	1.0	8.7
155	115	Crown Eyes▲	135	...	...	0.5	9.2
129	69	Dairy Farm Intl	119	-4	...	3.0	17.6
87	51½	Dewhirst (IJ)	85	-2	1.0	1.5	27.2
281	189	Dixons Grp	260	+27	...	3.0	...
413	320	Dunhill	378	-7	8.1	2.7	14.7
21	12½	ERA Gp	14	...	...	...	...
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	530	...	16.0	3.4	18.2
166	71	Essex Furn	165	...	...	2.1	28.0
275	203	Etam	256	...	6.9	3.2	24.6
608	499	Fine Art Dev	570	...	12.7	2.8	18.9
50	26	Fired Earth Tiles	45	...	...	...	...
558	498	Forminster	555	...	14.0	3.2	10.1
180	24	French Conn▲	145	+25	...	...	...
74	43	Gent SR	62	...	2.1	4.3	∞
68	23	Goldsmiths Gp	68	...	0.3	0.6	...
3825	2400	GUS	3800	...	...	1.3	29.6
2165	1563	-do- 'A'	2128	...	...	2.6	16.5
40	31	Hampden Grp▲	31	-2	...	4.0	15.4
277	30	Harelstone	63	...	...	5.6	...
26	20	Helene Plc	25½	...	2.0	9.9	12.1
72	29	Heritage▲	68	...	...	...	...
71	36	Honeysuckle▲	70	...	...	1.8	9.9
124	83	Jacques Vert	124	+2	...	3.0	9.5
691	496	Kingfisher	652	+5	...	2.6	21.2
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	68	...	4.0	7.4	14.0
685	495	Liberty	580	...	7.3	1.6	68.1
320	241	Lloyds Chem	276	-3	5.5	2.5	10.8
152	120	MFI	146†	...	...	3.2	30.7
393½	311	Marks Spencer	381½	+½	...	2.7	20.9
565	445	Menzies (John)	564	...	...	2.4	15.8
230	135	Moss Bros	229	...	5.5	3.0	26.9
210½	139½	Next	207½	+1	2.5	1.5	24.8
41	15	Oliver (G)	38	-2	...	...	...
303	197	Oriflame Intl	298	+3	...	4.0	14.6
63	38½	Pentos	46	-1	1.5	4.1	9.6
313	185	QS Hldgs	205	...	5.1	3.2	14.6
43	20½	Rhino Grp▲	41	...	...	...	...
181	135	Sherwood Gp	161	...	...	2.0	14.5
117	93	Sears	114½	+2	...	3.8	...
41½	11	Signet Group	29½	...	...	...	...
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	442†	+4	...	4.0	14.7
15	4½	Specialeyes▲	15	+1	...	...	...
229	176	Storehouse	224	+2	...	2.8	28.9
191	148	T & S Stores	166	...	5.9	4.4	12.4
160	71	Tie Rack	157	...	1.0	0.8	25.7
231	160	Time Products	220	...	7.5	4.3	19.0
126	63	Usher (Frank)▲	121	...	...	5.2	9.6
45	27	Vivat	34	...	1.0	3.7	10.5
40	34	Wensum▲	34	...	...	6.7	...
119	76	Wickes	102	-1	...	0.2	46.3
78	45	Wld of Leather▲	67	...	...	...	...
198	146	Wyevale▲	190	...	...	2.7	24.8
4	2½	Xira-vision▲	3½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	134	ACT Group	178	+½	...	3.5	17.9
240	223	Acal▲	240	...	...	3.3	16.7
162½	38	Acorn Compt▲	103	...	...	...	52.2
480	385	Admiral	467†	...	5.4	1.4	19.8
170	104	Alba	170	...	...	3.6	20.8
46	19½	Alphameric	46	...	...	...	...
41½	22	Amstrad	41½	+1½	0.4	...	...
128	61	App Holo▲	73	...	...	...	...
39	9½	Arlen	38	+1	...	...	...
86	35½	Astec	78†	...	...	0.4	1.2
293	243	Beales Hunter	244	...	...	4.8	15.1
9	3½	Bennett & Fount	3½	...	...	...	...
446	319	BICC	409	+4	19.2	6.0	...
575	435	Blick	480	...	9.2	2.4	18.7
1700	1025	Bodand▲	1025	-65	...	...	...
371	274	Bowthorpe	355	-5	6.3	2.3	23.1
445½	376	BT	417½	+3½	...	4.7	19.7
188½	150	BT P/P	173½	+2½	...	4.5	20.5
12	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	12	...	0.1	1.0	...
160	110	Bursfield	122	...	5.7	6.0	19.0
875	669	Cable Wireless	828	+8	...	2.2	21.6
24½	11½	Chloride	23½	+½	...	...	...
273	220	CML Micro▲	271	...	...	2.2	19.7
115	74	Compr People	100	...	0.6	0.8	...
164	108½	Cray Elect	141	...	...	1.3	14.5
424	243	Critchley	421	...	...	1.8	∞
554	414	Delta	535	+5	...	8.4	21.0
360	205	Denmans El▲	359	...	...	2.1	15.3
620	395	Domino	471	...	7.2	1.9	16.1
65	48	Dowding Mills	58	-2	2.5	5.5	∞
1105	855	Druck▲	1105	...	10.0	1.1	21.6
469	358	Electrocomps	445	-7	...	2.2	18.1
580	470	El Data Prc	560	...	5.1	1.1	15.4
133	43	Electron House	132	...	2.6	2.5	28.6
25	10½	Ensco	22½	-1	0.1	0.6	...
602	442	Eurotherm	594	-3	8.0	1.7	27.0
155	108	FKI	147	+1	...	2.6	21.5
465	340	Farnell Elect	447	-7	...	1.7	23.7
91	33	Feedback▲	89	-1	...	2.1	11.6
9	7½	Ferranti	9	+½	...	...	...
259	101	First Tech	257†	...	1.0	0.5	∞
270	81	Forward Gp▲	260	...	...	1.6	23.5
22½	16	Forward Tech	20	...	...	...	...
363	264	GEC	336	+3	10.3	3.8	16.9
199	132	Graseby	188†	-4	...	7.2	39.5
14½	7½	Graystone	13	...	...	...	...
39	35	Hillsdale	38	...	...	1.7	11.7
169	83	INSTEM▲	150	-2	...	2.6	10.7
383	320	Jones Stroud	378	...	...	2.9	15.2
19	8	Kembrey	14	...	0.1	1.4	...
343	280	Kenwood App	333	...	...	2.9	18.7
224	47	Kewill Sys▲	224	+2	...	...	...
209	100	Kode	186†	...	5.5	3.7	22.1
60	16	Laser-Scan▲	45	...	...	...	...
365	122	LDMS▲	287	+12	...	0.4	32.6
300	240	Lec Refrig	255†	...	9.0	4.4	...
179	134	Life Sciences	143†	-1	3.5	3.1	15.5
269	164	Logica	263	-2	4.0	2.0	∞
55	44	LPA Inds▲	55	...	...	8.0	15.5
229	162	MR Data Mngmt	228	...	4.3	2.4	21.8
683	523	Macro 4	665	...	17.2	3.3	...
665	527	Meaker-Sw▲	661	+1	...	2.1	19.5
3013	1735	Micro Focus	1735	-90	...	...	16.0
227	147	Microgen	169	...	7.2	5.4	11.5
34½	23½	Microvitec▲	29½	-2	...	...	...
530	352	Misys	500	...	...	1.8	18.3
484	98	Mitel	484	+55	...	...	...
138	108	MMT Compt▲	128	...	...	3.4	16.3
48½	16	Molynx	43½	+4	...	1.3	...
272	202	MTL Inst▲	245	...	...	1.8	18.5
165	105	Muirhead Elec	112	...	3.5	3.9	∞
221	116	Murray Enter	212	-2	1.8	1.1	...
6412½	5225	NYNEX	6275	+112½	...	...	...
188	135	Neotronics	135	...	2.6	2.4	17.4
65	42	Newmark (L)	61	...	...	...	...
218	58	Norbain▲	218	...	...	0.9	16.7
75	20	Northamber	57†	...	0.6	1.3	...
15½	9	Oceonics	12½	...	...	...	...
285	195	Oxford Inst	270	...	4.5	2.1	18.6
83	48	P-E Internl	70	...	...	...	...
81½	29	P & P	73	...	1.4	2.4	38.8
80	55	Peek	72	...	3.4	6.0	18.5
222	115	Pegasus▲	206	+2	...	3.9	52.4
9500	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9500	...	...	6.1	...
1312½	725	-do- Lmp	1225	-12½	...	...	...
254	211	Phonelink▲	247	-1	...	...	...
580	343	Pifco	575	-5	...	1.8	25.8
560	303	-do- 'A' Voting	555	-5	...	1.9	24.9
96	63	Plasmec▲	65	...	...	...	5.4
120	76	Pressac	116	...	2.4	2.6	23.4
135	81	Psion▲	122†	-1	...	2.6	32.4
261	160	Racal Elect	229½	+5½	4.2	2.3	13.6
70	45	Radamec	66	...	...	2.8	14.1
70	31	Radius▲	35	...	2.7	...	12.1
92	61	Real Time▲	72	...	...	5.2	14.8
35	18	Riva▲	23	...	...	...	29.2
629	367	Sage Gp	420	...	9.0	2.7	13.5
348	222	Sanderson Elec	348	...	9.0	3.2	14.8
88	49	Scantronic	80	...	3.1	4.9	20.2
170	117	Scholes Grp	170	...	5.0	3.8	∞
375	220	Sema Gp	344	-21	3.8	1.0	27.8
42	36	Silverstines	40	...	...	...	...
50	37	Soundtracks▲	47	...	...	5.9	15.9
2675	1737½	TDK	2362½	-12½	...	1.4	26.3
37	4½	TDS Circuits▲	13	...	...	...	...
188	80	Telemetrix	173	...	0.8	0.6	28.5
1017	809	THORN EMI	977	-4	...	4.1	20.0
111	96	Thorpe FW	110	...	2.5	2.8	11.3
103	63	Total Systems▲	64	...	3.0	5.9	11.3
509	322	Tunstall	501	+4	6.0	1.5	20.2
284	164	Unitech	287	-3	...	2.7	68.0
11½	6	Verity	7	...	...	...	...
38	24	Vistec▲	28	...	...	1.7	16.1
585	367	Vodafone	493	+14	...	1.8	22.3
473	368	Volex	464	...	17.8	4.8	19.0
26	11	Western Selecn	23	...	...	...	...
290	223	Wholesale Ftgs	280†	...	11.7	5.0	30.8

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
541½	389	East Midlands	532	+3	...	4.6	10.0
552	399	Eastern Elect	541	...	...	4.4	10.8
384	304	Hydro-Elect	379½	-9½	...	3.8	13.6
563	404	London Elec	553	+2	...	4.4	12.3
603	458	Manweb	590	+1	...	4.4	8.5
583	404½	Midlands Elec	572	-1	...	4.4	10.2
387	273	National Power	374	-2	...	3.5	11.1
600	440	Northern Elec	599	+3	...	4.5	8.6
174	100	Nthn Ireland	170	...	...	4.3	9.7
598	439	Norweb	584	+4	20.0	4.3	9.0
416	273	PowerGen	406	-2	...	3.3	10.6
370	285	Scottish Power	366	-1½	...	3.8	13.6
612	436	Seeboard	609	...	...	4.3	9.8
616	469	Sth Wales	607	+3	...	4.6	10.1
568	426	Sth Western	554	...	...	4.5	8.8
563	406	Southern Elec	550	+1	...	4.5	10.1
587	455	Yorkshire Elec	575	-1	...	4.4	10.8

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	50	Aitken Hume	55½	-½	1.0	2.3	11.8
125	47	BWD▲	119	...	...	3.4	18.6
93	26	Baltic Plc	95	...	...	1.3	...
550	413	Caledonia	543	...	...	3.5	20.2

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1525	1073	Camellia	1525	...	...	1.0	5.7
313	243	Candover	300	-3	10.2	4.3	21.0
150	71	Fletcher▲	144	...	...	0.4	...
335	153	Govett	317	-5	...	4.8	9.0
188	125	Ivory Sime	175	-9	...	4.6	16.4
6½	3	LIT	4	...	...	...	...
12	11	Lightship	12#	...	...	...	...
240	154	Lon Forfaiting▲	237	-1	4.4	4.5	17.0
62	47	Marakin	62	...	5.0	10.1	∞
12	3½	Nat Home Loan	9½	-½	...	...	...
52	40	Newmarket	51	...	...	...	...
341	246	Rathbone Brs	339†	-1	6.0	2.3	20.0
26	17	Rutland Tst	25½	...	...	3.9	15.1
330	253	S & U	315	...	10.0	4.0	11.7
83	48	Singer & Fried	80½	...	...	4.7	...
975	713	Sotheby's	743†	-10	...	4.6	...
155	83	SJP Capital	145	...	3.0	2.6	59.8

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2556½	1487½	Amer Express	2187½	+12½	...	...	...
1100	835	Henderson Ad	1015	-23	...	5.2	23.4
200	92	Invesco	164	+1	...	2.3	...
244	166	Jardine Strat	231	+1	...	3.3	10.7
236	154	MAI	219	+½	6.0	3.4	15.9
692	389	MAM	660	-17	15.0	2.8	16.5
970	633	M & G	944	-5	...	2.8	25.1
342	109	Smith New Crt	313	-5	...	2.4	4.7
81	55	Trio Hldgs	75	...	...	5.0	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
536½	456	AB Food	501	-3	14.0	3.5	11.5
77½	53	ASDA Group	62	-½	1.6	3.2	14.9
305	170	Acatos & Hutch	274	...	6.5	3.0	15.8
76	55	Albert Fisher	72	...	3.7	6.5	12.0
407	287	Argyll	302	-3	...	4.5	11.1
174	117	Assoc Fisheries	199	...	...	6.3	3.3
228	160	Banks (S C)	225†	...	9.0	5.0	10.0
402	310	Barr (AG)	335	...	6.5	2.4	16.9
85	57	Bensons Crsp▲	66	...	...	5.4	14.8
141	112½	Berisford Intl	129	...	...	...	...
455	357	Booker	416	-2	...	6.7	35.4
52	35	Borthwick	47	...	...	3.2	58.4
505	430	Brake Bros	501	...	6.2	1.5	20.9
51	38	Budgen	47	...	...	2.7	14.3
503	407	Cadbury-Schw	461†	+5	...	3.6	16.3
130	78	Carrs Milling	119	...	3.9	4.1	23.8
196	156	Cranswick	190	...	...	5.3	14.2
22	8½	Cullens	15	-½	0.5	4.2	43.1
384	150	Dalepak	194	...	6.0	3.9	15.3
521	424	Dalgety	485	...	...	5.4	13.4
54	27	Daniels S	50	...	...	0.6	...
233	191	Devro	226	-6	...	3.0	31.5
134	99	Everest	112	...	3.7	4.2	∞
370	260	Farepak	369	...	5.7	1.9	22.7
10	3	Farringford	8½	...	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	76	...	...	7.0	24.6
125	78	Fyffes	98	...	...	1.5	17.8
483	328	Geest	370	...	8.1	2.7	16.7
16	7	Global▲	15	-½	...	4.2	23.4
45	43	Grand Central	45	+1	1.2	3.5	∞
203	147	Hazlewood Fds	173	+2	...	4.6	9.7
175	131	Hillsdown	165	+1	8.8	6.8	12.8
250	205½	Iceland Group	219	...	...	1.9	13.7
131	108	JLI Group	120	-2	...	4.8	13.3
853	655	Kwik Save	704	-3	16.0	2.8	13.5
262	174	Low (Wm)	186	...	8.4	5.6	9.0
79	41	Matthews (B)	78	-1	2.2	3.7	50.4
19½	12½	Merchant Retail	17½	...	1.1	7.9	35.8
174	124	Morrison (W)	130	...	...	0.8	16.9
568	443	Nichols (JN)	543	...	13.6	3.1	15.7
291	242	Nthn Foods	268	-1	...	3.9	13.3
20½	9½	Nrthmbrn Fns▲	12	...	...	...	...
229	172	Nurdin Peack	198	-1	...	3.9	10.9
250	205	Park Foods	227	-3	...	3.3	17.5
156	78	Perkins Food	98	...	...	2.3	10.8
103	47	PizzaExpress	102	+1	...	0.6	58.6
9	1½	Regina Hlth▲	6	+½	...	...	...
584	426	Sainsbury J	452	...	...	2.8	15.8
86	33	Sentry Farm▲	78	...	...	2.4	14.0
225	94	Sims Food	117	...	...	8.0	22.5
439	357	Tate & Lyle	364	-3	12.0	4.1	11.5
273	195	Tesco	215	...	...	4.1	10.0
211	123	Thorntons	163	-1	3.6	2.8	15.2
183	108	Treats▲	165	...	...	2.7	18.8
410	300	Unigate	394	-1	...	5.1	12.9
437	340½	Utd Biscuits	353	-9	...	5.5	12.2
24½	19½	Usborne	19½†	...	...	5.1	∞
337	248	Watson & Phil	299	...	13.3	5.6	15.6

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
22	12	Abrdn Stk Ht▲	22	...	...	...	...
90	77	Cty Centre Rest	89†	...	1.5	2.2	21.5
250	170	Forte	237	-1	...	4.0	18.6
220	155	Friendly Hotels	170	...	...	4.3	32.0
11½	5	Harmony Leis▲	9½	...	...	...	...
135½	87	Jurys Hotel	121½	...	...	5.3	16.7
222½	154	Ladbroke	195	+1	11.1	7.3	16.2
73	59	Mandarin Orntl	69	...	...	4.9	17.2
54	44	Queens Moat	47½#	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
99	83	-do- 7¾% cvpr	85#	...	7.5	11.0	...
2½	¾	Regal Hotels▲	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	45#	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
24	11½	Ryan Hotels E	18	...	...	5.6	...
855	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	828	-17	7.0	1.1	...
66	34½	Stakis	61	+½	...	0.9	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	47	AAF Inds	47	-7	...	23.4	2.9
616	455	AAH	549	...	...	3.9	17.6
177	140	AIM	170	...	7.5	5.5	10.3
132	88	APV	97	-1½	...	7.1	...
238	81	ASW	196	-5	...	3.9	...
198	124	Adwest	194	-3	7.0	4.5	27.6
29	10	Aerospace Eng	19†	-1	...	4.9	25.0
277	249	Airsprung	277	+4	...	2.0	17.7
156	113	Alexdra W	155	...	3.8	3.1	42.8
13½	6½	Allied Radio	10½	+1	...	...	...
570	415	Alumasc	570	...	11.0	2.4	17.4
48	17	Alvis	43	...	1.0	2.9	8.8
525	345	Amber Ind	525	...	...	4.4	12.0
45	18	Amberley Gp▲	38	...	...	3.3	...
107	78	Anagen	86	...	...	...	...
145	82	Andrews Sykes	108	-2	...	5.2	...
945	703	Antofagasta	878	-20	...	2.3	16.2
51½	37	Armour	51	...	1.6	4.1	∞
170	143	Ash & Lacy	155	...	6.4	5.2	15.9
4	2½	Ass Br Eng	3½	-½	...	1.8	...
541½	434	Avon Rubber	526	-1	...	3.9	21.0
250	168	Assoc Nursg▲	249	...	...	0.5	15.3
687½	544½	Atlas Equip	680	...	...	4.0	17.1
68	35	Ayrshire Metal	60	...	...	...	...
182	147	BBA	171†	...	...	5.5	14.5
65	28	BLP Group▲	53	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	22½	+3	5.0	...	0.9
770	627	BOC	633	+3	23.2	4.6	13.9
79½	62	BSG	73	-1½	...	5.5	25.4
487	353	BSS Group	463	...	...	4.7	27.7
409½	318	BTR	373	+1	...	3.7	20.6
221	155	BWI	183	-4	6.7	4.6	17.6
50	29	Babcock	34½	+½	...	7.6	20.6
9	4½	Bailey (CH)	8½	-½	...	...	...
289	240	Baird (Wm)	276	...	8.9	4.1	18.9
1062½	550	Barlow Rand	568½	+6½	...	5.7	3.4
65	48	Baynes (Charles)	63	-1	...	2.8	25.8
15	5	Beaufort	7	...	...	...	...
10	6	Beckenham▲	6½	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (Wl)▲	27	...	...	...	...
27½	15	Benson Group	16	...	0.3	2.4	∞
707	461	Bespak	535	...	10.0	2.3	16.7
133	73	Bibby (J)	89	...	9.7	...	5.2
312	129	Billam (J)	264	...	5.0	2.4	13.2
41	21½	Bilston Batts▲	32	-1	...	...	...
11½	3½	Bimec Ind	5½	...	...	...	...
201	118½	Birkby	201	...	3.5	2.2	19.0
45	32	Black Arrow	38	...	2.6	8.6	∞
1½	½	Black & Edgtn▲	1½	...	...	...	...
228	136	Black (Peter)	228	+4	3.7	2.1	∞
451	129	Bluebird Toys▲	451	+13	...	1.2	28.1
322	247	Bodycote	312	...	...	2.0	19.9
40	23	Bogod 'A'	28	...	0.7	3.1	10.4
563	416	Boots	485	-1	...	3.5	18.0
61	42	Booth Inds	50	...	0.7	1.8	...
523	435½	Bowater	464†	-3	...	3.1	19.4
1682	1207	Bowater Inc	1231†	+24	...	...	...
274	199	Boxmore Intl▲	272	...	...	1.7	20.4
19	12½	Brasway	14	...	0.5	4.6	∞
303	204	Brammer	287½	+½	13.0	5.7	21.1
27	12	Bridgend Gp	24	...	0.4	2.1	...
123	64	Bridon	119	...	...	4.2	...
88	63	Bridport-Gndry	81	...	4.1	6.3	15.2
48	31	Brierley Inv	44	...	...	7.5	∞
308	245	Br Bldg & Eng	245	...	...	1.3	...
62	42	Br Bloodstock▲	60	...	...	...	...
528	417	Br Polythene	494	-5	...	2.5	17.6
118	54	Br Steel	110	...	...	1.1	...
180	100	Br Syphon	108	...	...	3.6	28.9
18½	11½	Br Thornton	16½	-½	...	1.9	18.0
268	215	Br Vita	244	-1	7.1	3.7	14.8
15½	5½	Britton Grp	15½	+½	...	1.5	...
730	555	Britten Hill	644	...	...	2.7	32.5
112	78	Bromsgrve Ind	109	-1	...	5.0	14.2
10½	6½	Brooke Tool	9	...	...	...	...
73	44	Brown & Tawse	73	+6	...	...	...
132	91	Bullough	130	...	6.0	5.8	22.3
23	11½	Business Tech▲	16	...	...	...	...
28	17	CI Group	25	...	1.0	5.4	22.1
25	11	Campbell & Arm	18	...	...	...	...
39	6½	Cannon St	34½	+1	...	...	...
256	205	Cape	256	...	...	5.1	17.3
346	178	Carclo Eng	346	...	8.6	4.4	17.5
2888	2138	Carnaud Md	2300	...	...	2.6	∞
78	68	Cassidy Bros▲	68	...	...	4.4	11.1
210	158	Castings	210	+2	4.3	2.6	14.8
62	62	Cathay Intl	62	...	...	...	...
195	113	Chambrlin Hill	195	+5	6.2	4.0	12.2
730	605	Charter	719	+5	...	3.8	16.9
345	220	Chemring	345	...	...	3.0	20.8
92	45	Chelitain Gp▲	51	...	5.1	...	10.9
40½	17	Chillington	40½	+3½	0.2	0.8	...
204	144	Christies Int	183	...	...	1.0	43.3
63	34	Claybithe	63	...	...	5.0	...
95	70	Clayton Son	88	...	...	...	...
7	7	Co Designers▲	7#	...	0.2	...	...
400	296	Cohen (A)	303	...	6.8	2.9	∞
223	179	Community H	196	...	8.5	4.1	12.2
246	185½	Concentric	223	...	...	3.1	18.8
250	120	Cook (Wm)	228	...	5.0	2.7	13.8
233	182	Cookson	207†	...	...	3.6	27.4
76	38	Copymore▲	68†	...	...	1.8	20.8
238	130	Crowell Pkr 'A'	156	-6	5.7	4.6	13.3
178	92	Cosalt	126	-1	10.7	...	19.2
234	150	Creighton Nt▲	186	...	...	4.9	18.1
48	27	CrestaCare	42	...	0.5	1.5	38.3
3737½	2989½	Dana	3550¾	+6½	...	...	...
236	78½	Danka Bs Sys	224	-1	...	0.6	21.3
243	193	David Brown	227	...	...	3.3	16.1
22	5	Davies (DY)▲	22	...	...	...	...
712	632	De La Rue	662	-7	...	3.2	17.6
26	16	Dixie Heel	24	...	0.9	4.9	19.3
552	391	Diploma	549	-4	9.7	2.2	28.6
70	50	Dobson Park	78	...	5.7	...	14.0
116	92	Dyson (J&J)	112	...	5.0	5.6	20.6
80	57	-do- 'A'	74	...	5.0	8.4	13.8
16½	8	EFG	12½	...	...	...	...
440	307	EIS	413	-7	...	3.9	16.2
28	19	Elbief	23	...	...	...	...
43	19	Eleco	25	...	3.3	...	14.7
2360	1250	Electrolux 'B'	2037½	-37½	...	2.6	...
77	45	Elliott (B)	70	...	...	...	...
475	394	Eng China Cl	417	+4	...	6.1	22.6
132	111	Environmed	128	...	...	...	55.0
3360	1550	Ericsson 'B'	3200	...	...	0.9	...
58	32	Eurocopy	58	-1	1.6	...	22.5
87	47	Expamet	76	-1	...	...	1.8
777	489	Fairey Group	705	...	10.2	1.8	21.6
95	53	Fenner	90	-1	4.2	...	17.0
66	32	Ferraris Group	55	...	...	2.5	12.9
1½	¼	Ferromet▲	1½	...	...	...	...
29	20	Ferrum	20	...	2.5	15.6	14.0
60	28	Fife Indmar	56†	...	0.5	1.1	...
251	147	Fisons	169	+1	...	6.6	15.4
53	29	Fitzwilton	48	...	...	9.7	...
288	215	Flogas	288	...	...	3.6	∞
43	37	Folkes Group nv	37	-1	1.5	5.1	20.7
86	56	French (Thomas)	85	-1	3.6	5.3	12.6
240	166½	Frost Group	215	...	...	2.4	26.8
88	71	GEI Int	86	...	...	7.2	...
513	434	GKN	483†	+10	...	5.3	32.2
51	42	GR Hldgs	46	...	...	5.4	...
98	79	Garton Eng	95	...	4.0	5.3	...
161	103	Gestetner	145	-1	8.2	7.1	6.3
42	23	Gleves	34	...	...	...	34.6
801	509	Glaxo	636	-12	...	4.4	16.0
38	16	Glenchewton	31	-1	...	...	...
318	245	Glynwed	299	+1	11.6	4.9	27.6
126	66	Goode Durrant	123	...	...	5.5	...
145	102	Grampian Hd	142	...	5.5	4.8	24.7
456	341	Granada	445	+5	7.7	2.2	23.7
410	301	Great Sthrn▲	410	...	...	3.4	16.7
101	78	Green (Ernst)▲	101	...	...	8.7	13.9
15½	8½	Greenacre▲	14½	-½	...	2.5	14.1
17	8	Guardian Grp▲	10½	...	...	...	...
61½	38½	Haden MacLn	57½	...	...	4.4	20.4
83	44	Hadleigh Inds▲	76	...	...	0.8	...
290	115	Hall Eng	287	...	8.6	3.8	23.4
229	162	Halma	209½	-3½	...	1.2	26.9
49	30	Hampson Ind	40	-1	1.6	5.0	13.2
265½	222	Hanson	252½†	+1½	...	5.6	12.9
221	187	Harris (Philip)	204	-1	...	4.2	12.4
198	147	Harrisn Crsfld	183	+3	9.0	6.3	25.9
68	38	Havelock Euro	68	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	45	-1	...	...	...
28	17	Headway	27	...	0.7	3.3	∞
13½	5	Healthcare	5	...	...	20.0	1.4
395	301	Hepworth	377	-8	14.8	4.4	16.2
228	160	Hewitt (J)	197	...	3.0	1.9	15.3
38	15	High-Point	38	...	1.3	...	...
162	112½	Hill & Smith	161	...	...	4.4	22.4
17½	6½	Hobson▲	14½	-1½	...	...	69.8
162	87	Holders Tech▲	162	...	...	4.6	21.1
52	30	Hopkinsons	51	...	1.3	3.2	21.1
167	133	Hornby▲	160	+2	...	7.0	15.1
88	54½	Howden	76†	...	2.2	3.6	14.0
260	173	Hunting	245	-3	...	5.1	20.7
503	269½	Huntigh Tec▲	498	...	...	2.5	12.7
312	247	IMI	285	...	...	4.5	24.9
118	90	ISA Intl	118	+1	1.5	1.6	18.3
205	144	Inveresk Gp▲	146	-1½	...	2.2	15.4
286	235	Isotron	284	-1	4.3	1.9	∞
547	360	Jardine Math	520	-13	...	2.4	18.9
537	425	Johnson Math	453	-4	...	2.8	19.6
64	36½	Johnson & FB	46	...	3.0	8.2	14.2
177	104	Johnston	157	...	3.2	2.6	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	25	-1	...	...	...
35	18	Jourdan (T)	31	...	0.7	3.1	...
79½	26	Kalamazoo	75	-2½	2.1	3.5	17.4
178	73	Kalon	159½†	+½	...	2.5	22.1
297	253	Kelsey Ind	258	...	13.0	...	...
545	465	Kershaw (A)	538	...	27.0	6.3	27.9
235	75	Kleeneze	197	...	...	...	...
151	61	LGW▲	145†	...	3.0	2.6	12.0
351	266	Laird	328	+3	...	4.1	15.9
157½	103	Lilleshall	141	-5	...	3.8	18.5
194	97	Lincat▲	194	+16	...	3.3	16.7
21½	4½	Lincoln Hse▲	20½	...	...	...	16.9
128	76	Linread	121	...	3.7	3.9	18.7
280	170	Linton Park	250	...	...	7.1	8.9
15½	10½	Lionheart	12	...	0.2	2.1	...
22½	15	Locker (T) A	20	...	1.0	6.2	29.1
274	140	Lon Ind	140	-63	9.4	8.4	10.7
135	70	Lonrho	120	+1	...	4.2	...
388	269	Low & Bonar	366	-2	...	3.1	51.3
344	265	MB-Caradon	323†	+9	...	3.5	25.0
171	135	-do- pf	167	+3½	7.2	5.4	...
40	14½	ML Hdgs	39	...	...	...	...
43	27	MS Ind	41	...	...	7.6	42.3
50	39	MY Holdings	45	...	...	2.8	13.7
216	168	Macfarlane	211†	...	...	1.9	23.9
460	379	McKechnie	435	-1	14.7	4.2	21.6
106	85	McLeod Russel	105	...	6.0	7.1	12.8
10½	3½	Maddox	3½	...	...	...	19.1
101	63	Magnolia	101	...	0.1	0.1	16.2
106	71	Mang Bronze	105	...	1.0	1.2	...
26½	19½	Marling	22½	-½	...	3.6	...
192	124	Mayborn▲	183	...	...	3.4	15.2
62	29	Mayflower	59	-1	...	2.7	48.9
236	85	Medeva	109†	+2½	...	2.6	8.8
118	88	Meggitt	109	...	...	4.3	18.6
125	98	Metair	121	...	...	3.8	19.6
150	126	Metrotect	146	...	...	2.8	20.3
90	70	Metsec▲	90	...	...	...	...
83	29	Midstates	73	-1	...	1.3	10.2
25	14	Mining & Ald	23	...	0.5	2.7	...
510	368	Molins	510	...	...	3.4	13.2
345	262	Morgan Cble	305	+3	...	5.2	16.3
184	134	Morris Ashby▲	175	...	...	3.9	13.3
33	18	Neepsend	29	...	0.7	3.2	38.9
73	34	Nestor-BNA	65	...	3.1	6.4	14.8
191	122	Nobo Gp	187	...	4.8	3.2	18.5
176	122½	Norcros	171	-1	...	5.1	25.0
51	35	Novo Group	47	...	...	3.5	15.1
413	310	Nu-Swift	323	...	...	...	∞
71	36	Office Elec Mac	71	...	0.1	0.2	...
39½	21	OMI Intl	31½	...	...	6.9	...
140	123	PCT▲	135	...	...	6.8	15.0
61	36	Pacer Systems▲	58	...	...	6.5	...
138	100	Pentland	100	...	...	3.2	13.4
395	310	Photo-Me	343	-50	4.6	1.7	∞
165	97½	Pilkington	153	-1	...	3.3	...
85	66	Plantsbrook	85	+1	3.0	4.5	13.2
154	125	Polypipe	142	...	2.1	1.9	∞
42	19	Porter Chadbrn	23	...	...	6.8	10.5
11½	5½	Porth Gp▲	9	...	...	...	...
376	306	Powerscreen	368	...	...	2.2	19.1
20	16½	Prospect Inds	17	-½	0.7	5.5	8.5
59	33½	RPS Group▲	56†	...	2.2	4.9	12.4
95	73	Radiant Metal	85	...	...	5.5	...
185	77	Ramco Oil▲	130	...	...	1.0	43.5
808	636	Rank Org	780	+7	31.0	5.0	21.3
33	16	Ransomes	16	...	...	...	...
657	532	Reckitt Colm	618	+3	...	3.3	14.1
77	50	Record	71	...	3.6	6.4	34.4
7½	2½	Reece	5½	-½	...	...	...
245	131	Relyon	240	...	4.9	2.6	28.8
303	208	Renishaw	267	...	6.5	3.0	20.4
93	55	Renold	93	...	...	1.3	...
1582	1240	Reuters	1545	-4	21.2	1.7	25.5
57	24½	Rexmore	55	...	1.7	4.0	...
156	91	Ricardo Group	155	...	5.7	4.6	43.6
75	58	Richard (Leics)	75	+1	4.4	7.3	...
98	63	Richardson West	85†	-1	3.0	4.4	21.8
142	109	Ropner	142	+3	8.2	7.4	19.6
136	97	-do- 'A'	136	+3	8.2	7.8	18.8
38	24	Ross Gp	29	-1	0.6	2.8	11.9
184	131½	Rotork	180	...	...	2.6	20.8
162	89	Rubicon	161	...	...	3.3	22.6
65	43	Russell (A)	65	...	...	...	...
29	15	SEP Indl	27	...	...	3.5	24.7
1012½	625	SKF 'B'	837½	-37½	...	...	...
53	39	Saville Grdn (J)	52†	...	2.2	5.3	∞
248	205	Scapa	212	-½	...	3.3	16.2
238	192	Scholl	203	...	...	3.9	14.6
6½	4	Scot Heritable	5½	-½	...	...	...
1080	917	Securicor	1078	-2	2.6	0.3	41.0
765	562	-do- 'A'	720	-1	2.6	0.4	27.7
660	465	Security Serv	626	...	5.0	1.0	31.0
121½	77	Senior Eng	118½	-1	...	3.4	19.6
361	285	Seton Health	285	...	...	2.5	16.8
68	42	Sheldon Jones▲	63	...	...	...	...
133	86	Shiloh	130	...	2.9	2.8	14.0
344	281	Sidlaw	319	...	...	3.9	20.4
562	427	Siebe	518	+5	...	2.4	19.2
374	220	Silentnight	374	...	...	2.7	22.0
131	102	Simon Darby	127	...	...	4.2	∞
142	32	Simon Eng	67	...	...	...	...
289	194	Sinclair (Wm)	273	...	7.0	4.1	13.7
47	36	Six Hundred	38	...	...	5.8	...
164	139½	Smith & Neph	147	-1½	...	4.0	16.1
513	389	Smithkline	409	...	8.6	2.6	14.9
450	340	Smthkline Uts	362	+1	...	3.7	19.1
394	320	Smiths Ind	365	-4	11.2	3.9	14.9
140	58	Stm Bus	69	...	3.3	6.1	6.5
440	255	Spandex▲	440	+10	...	1.9	19.5
650	300	Spear (JW)	550	...	4.0	3.2	10.3
376	314	Spirax-Sarco	372	-1	...	3.1	23.6
145	44	Spring Ram	62	-2	...	0.7	17.0
270	222	Staveley	256	-1	...	4.2	14.5
164	126	Sterling Ind	164	...	...	4.3	25.1
187	97	Suter	176	-1	8.8	6.4	18.1
361	244	Swire Pacfc 'A'	322	-2	...	2.8	∞
7	3½	Sycamore	5½	...	...	...	...
78	53	Sykes-Pick	68	...	...	7.9	12.1
282	240	Syltone	282	...	...	4.2	18.8
374	279	TI	344	+4	...	3.9	23.5
32	12	TLS Range▲	27	...	...	1.2	...
290	211	TT Group	283	-1	...	2.9	17.4
249	220	Takare	245†	-1	1.5	0.9	30.3
808	618	Takeda Chem	799	...	...	0.6	21.2
66	24	Tex Hldgs	63	...	...	...	...
109	70	Tinsley (E)▲	96	...	...	7.2	14.5
240	150	Tnone▲	240	...	...	1.9	20.9
240	212½	Tomkins	237	+9	...	3.3	17.5
112	67	Trafalgar H	98½	+1½	...	4.1	7.2
579	346	Transfer Tech	499	...	16.0	4.1	12.4
190	158½	Triplex Lloyd	169	-3	...	5.2	20.3
253	214	UniChem	239	-1	5.6	3.0	15.6
375	279½	Unidare	365	...	...	5.4	11.9
76	11½	Unigroup	54	...	...	...	...
1249	938	Unilever	1049	+1	21.3	2.5	14.3
8112½	6362½	Unilever (NV)	7000	-37½	...	2.9	11.7
915	513	VSEL	875	...	...	4.1	9.4
9½	6½	Verson	8½	...	...	...	...
164	95½	Vickers	151†	+3	...	1.2	...
367	243	Victaulic	294†	+1	...	3.3	14.5
444	285	Vinten	442	...	...	2.0	20.5
679	427	Vosper Thorny	677	-1	...	2.9	16.4
46	41	WSP Hldgs	43	...	...	...	10.9
468	368	Wagon Ind	431	...	...	5.0	19.0
95	71	Walker Greenbk	95	...	3.1	4.1	24.2
258	201	Wassall	252	+8	2.5	1.2	25.3
42	22	Wirford Wdgwd	39½	...	...	...	...
384	291	Weir	303†	+3	...	2.4	17.1
993	600	Wellcome	709	-9	13.0	2.3	19.6
23½	19	Wellman	19½	...	0.9	5.8	31.6
345	260	West Hithcare	328	...	...	1.4	∞
510	460	Whatman	493	-5	9.5	2.4	16.6
353	267	Whessoe	274	...	...	3.6	10.6
65	22	Whitecroft	64	+2½	...	...	...
8½	4½	Widney	7½	...	...	...	...
130	44	Wilkes (James)	126	...	3.5	...	36.4
365	295½	Williams Hldg	326	+2	12.5	4.9	16.8
36½	17	Wilshaw	34	-½	...	1.8	21.4
661	533	Wolseley	632	-3	12.5	2.5	21.9
150	125	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
46	35	Wyko	40	...	...	3.1	...
59	38	Young (H)	56	...	3.0	6.7	20.5

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1537½	Alex & Alex	1537½	-18½	...	4.4	...
2406½	1787½	Am Gen	2250	-18½	...	3.3	...
51	30	Archer (AJ)	51	...	4.4	...	24.8
183	133	Berry Bch Nbl▲	166	...	...	...	...
148	118	Bradstock	137	...	5.1	4.7	16.9
491½	359½	Britannic	470†	-2	...	3.0	...
667	556	Com Union	608	...	...	5.0	...
1700	1225	Dom & Gen	1620	-5	...	1.8	∞
39	18	FAI	33	...	...	...	...
699	546	Gen Accident	675	+4	26.7	5.0	...
225	160	GRE	214	-1	7.0	4.1	17.5
412	293	Heath C E	400	+2	...	5.0	...
228	168	Hogg Gp	216	-2	8.1	4.7	19.6
218	161	JIB Group	180	...	7.5	5.3	18.0
513	408½	Legal & Gen	488	...	...	5.0	29.3
1092	768	Liberty Life	909†	+32	...	3.2	15.8
465	403	Lloyds Abbey	432	-1	17.3	5.0	15.5
338	253	Lloyd Thomp	305	-3	5.6	2.3	22.5
368	274	Londn & Man	353	-2	14.2	5.0	26.0
443	321	Lowndes Lmb	418	-1	13.5	4.0	15.0
6743½	5600	Marsh McLn	5912½	+90	...	3.1	...
115	76	Oriel	111	-7	...	5.7	...
72	50½	PWS	66	...	4.0	7.6	9.6
349	282½	Prudential	332	-1	...	4.5	21.8
1138	800	Refuge	1013	-2	31.5	3.9	38.1
347	248	Royal	306†	-1	...	2.7	...
204	150	Sedgwick	186†	+2	...	4.0	22.9
261	158	Steel Burrill	161	...	...	...	9.3
89	48	Sturge Hldgs	86	...	8.2	...	8.7
399	307	Sun Alliance	363	-3	14.2	5.0	...
61	50	Trade Indemnty	51	...	...	...	...
332	239	Transatlantic	329	...	12.0	4.6	30.5
773	499	Utd Friendly	635	...	14.5	2.9	27.4
242	171	Willis Corroon	230†	+2	...	3.6	49.4
20	13½	Windsor	20	...	...	...	15.7

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1820	1548	Alliance	1729†	-1	45.0	3.3	37.8
264	226½	Amer Trust	255†	+2	4.9	2.4	52.9
404	304	Ang & O'seas	387	+1	6.8	2.2	49.1
146½	124	BZW Conv	143½	...	7.8	7.0	∞
186	137½	Bankers	178½	+½	3.4	2.4	49.1
317	264	Baring Tribne	310	...	6.4	2.6	49.0
189	131	Berry Starq	189	...	2.2	1.5	61.4
110	96½	Br Assets	101†	+½	...	5.3	24.7
82	57½	Br Empire Sec	79	-½	0.8	1.4	...
29	14	-do- Wnts	27½	...	...	...	...
198	156	Br Inv	186	-1	4.5	3.0	41.9
191	130	Conti Asset	187	-2	3.4	1.6	62.2
195	143	Derby Inc	149	-1	...	12.0	9.0
280	195	-do- Cap	238	...	...	...	...
79	62	Drayton Blue	76	-1	9.4	13.8	8.4
85	35	-do- Eng Intl	84	...	1.2	1.8	...
133	84	-do- Far East	117	-3	0.6	0.7	...
122	95	-do- Korea	109	-1	0.5	0.6	...
665	576	Dunedin Inc G	642†	-1	25.4	4.9	29.5
100	94	-do- Japan	95½	-2	...	...	...
55	38	-do- Warrants	50	-1	...	...	...
696	513	-do- Wwde	665	...	9.5	1.8	68.5
292	222	Dundee & Lon	285	...	...	3.9	24.3
304	250½	Edinburgh	294	...	8.4	3.6	32.2
287	183	Electra Inv	277	-3	6.7	3.0	37.6
190	141	Electric Gen	179	-½	3.1	2.2	55.8
113	85	English Scot	110	...	...	...	...
300	205	European Asset	292	-2	...	2.4	37.9
125	77	Finsbury 'A'	125	...	3.0	3.0	40.2
291	248	Fleming Amer	282	...	0.7	0.3	...
219	190½	-do- Claver	203	-1	...	3.3	39.8
318	212	-do- Cond	305	-4	2.7	1.1	...
282	147	-do- Enrp	194½	-½	...	1.0	39.3
334	213	-do- F East	301	-7	1.1	0.5	...
326	246	-do- Fledg	324	...	3.0	1.2	...
118	93	-do- Hi Inc	96	-1	...	5.7	16.4
260	136	-do- Japan	224	-8	0.3	0.2	...
299	250	-do- Merc	277†	...	0.7	3.0	59.3
292	212	-do- Oseas	279	...	4.2	1.9	∞
258	203	Foreign & Col	241	...	...	1.8	65.6
214	164	-do- Eurotst	209	-2	1.2	0.7	...
125	87	-do- German	120	-2	0.5	0.5	...
319	191	-do- Pacific	281	-8	1.9	0.9	...
163	116	-do- Smaller	161½	-½	1.8	1.4	...
272	145	GT Japan	228	-7	...	0.6	...
150	65	Genl Cons Cap	138	-1	...	...	...
123½	96½	-do- Inc	108	-1	...	9.8	11.2
145	115	Govett Am Smlr	138	-1	...	...	...
316	184	-do- Oriental	300	-3	0.9	0.4	...
283	207	-do- Strategy	273	-3	...	3.1	37.7
400	340	Greenfriar	399	...	...	2.0	59.9
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
55½	47	Independent Inv	54½	-½	0.6	1.4	∞
143	124	Inv Cap	137½	...	5.1	4.6	27.6
97	77	IHS UK Smllr	95	...	2.8	3.7	26.5
209	156½	Kleinwort Chrt	197	...	5.0	3.2	38.3
236	176	-do- O'seas	226	...	3.3	1.8	64.2
130	108	-do- Smlr	130	...	4.0	...	31.2
680	540	Law Debenture	654	-5	18.2	3.5	32.7
197	164	Majedie	196	-1	...	3.0	37.9
272	221	Merchants	265	-1	...	5.2	24.4
6525	3700	Merrill Lynch	6337½	+100	...	...	...
490	343	Monks Inv Tst	483	...	...	1.7	61.2
133	105	Morg Gren Inc	126	-1	...	4.6	25.0
48	23	Do Warrants	40	-1	...	...	...
56	39	Murray Euro	51½	-½	0.1	0.4	...
21	4½	Do Wts	14½	-½	...	...	...
344	282	Murray Income	334†	...	10.9	4.1	∞
340	265	-do- Intl	336	...	11.6	4.5	29.1
382	263	-do- Small	367	-2	...	1.4	...
103	92	-do- S/C Inc	92	-1	...	14.4	9.0
139	73	-do- S/C Cap	122	-2	...	...	...
3050	2750	-do- S/C Uts	2900	-50	...	4.6	...
154½	142½	-do- S/C DP	153½	...	...	...	...
315	230	-do- Vent	294	-4	...	4.4	23.2
100	56½	New Frontier	100	+11	0.2	0.3	...
88	69	Nthrng Inc	86	-2	6.7	9.8	16.1
336	249	O'seas Inv Tst	322	...	2.8	1.1	...
411	285	Pacific Assets	379	-2	1.1	0.4	...
314	187	Do Warrants	283	-2	...	...	...
8300	7660	Personal Assets	8250	...	...	2.4	49.3
158	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	144	...	1.1	1.0	...
126	105	River & Merc	119	-1	9.2	9.7	11.9
419	350	Robeco	413	...	...	3.0	...
423	346	Rolinco	399	...	...	1.9	...
270	214	St Andrew Inv	274	...	7.5	3.4	36.8
156½	131	Scot American	151½	-½	...	3.8	32.0
225	136	Scot Asian	217	-2	...	...	...
506	225	do Warrants	496	-5	...	...	...
81½	68½	-do- Eastern	77†	...	1.5	2.5	50.6
222	183	Scottish	212	...	4.6	2.7	44.0
225	176	-do- Mrge	209	-2	4.0	2.4	54.2
96½	71	-do- Value	96½	+½	...	2.3	68.7
1592	1390	Second Alince	1546	+2	39.0	3.2	∞
91	74½	Sec Tst of Scot	84½	...	3.2	4.8	27.9
157	109½	Selective Asset	154	...	1.2	1.0	55.4
35	14	Sphere Inv	33	...	3.1	12.0	10.4
164	112	TR Far East	151	-1	4.5	3.7	33.1
154	126	TR City Of Lon	146½	-1	4.8	4.1	∞
168	110	TR Pacific	153	-1	0.3	0.3	...
32	17	TR Property	30½	...	0.9	3.7	32.0
101	47	TR Tech Inv	95	-2	1.7	2.3	35.2
198	146	TR Smlr Cos	181½	-½	...	2.6	42.0
348	283	Temple Bar	326	...	13.2	5.1	24.6
97	69	Thrmtn Asian &	93	...	0.5	0.7	...
78½	54	Throgmorton	75	-½	2.3	3.8	30.6
550	363	Throg Dual Cp	510	-5	...	...	...
231	178	USDC Invest	227	...	4.5	2.5	41.5
91	76½	Value Inc Tst	108½	...	3.6	4.1	27.3
718	542	Whitbread Inv	709	-5	16.5	2.9	42.7
216	181	Witan	210	...	5.6	3.3	36.8

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
416	269	Airtours	392½	-10½	7.2	2.3	13.9
64	42	Ald Leis	57	...	4.7	...	16.3
357	194	Anglia TV	349	...	...	3.3	16.2
103	63	Baldwin	85	...	3.0	4.4	11.5
249	192	Barr & W 'A'	222	...	10.0	5.6	14.3
1345	430	Boosey Hwks	1245	...	22.0	2.2	16.7
153	90	Border TV▲	141†	...	...	2.9	12.7
10½	4½	Brent Walker	6	...	...	...	...
58	48	Bristol Scots	53	...	...	...	...
8	2½	Buckingham Int	7	-½	...	...	...
292	110	Campari	143	...	...	10.5	...
230	171	Capital Radio	214	-1	5.2	3.1	24.7
816	718	Carlton Comm	726	...	17.0	2.0	21.5
200	158	Castle Comm▲	188	...	...	5.7	17.2
2060	1615	Central TV	2053	+3	38.0	2.3	22.4
124	61	Chrysalis	106	...	...	...	...
590	470	Compass Gp	566	-12	...	2.9	16.9
350	175	Eurocamp	214	...	9.7	5.7	8.8
1180	610	Euro Disney	678	...	...	1.7	...
8	3½	Euro Leisure	4½	...	...	...	...
38½	18	Ex-Lands	34½	...	...	...	...
390	265	Fairline Boats	284	-1	10.5	4.6	...
378	282	First Leisure	282†	-2	6.1	2.7	19.5
530	298	GWR Gp▲	528	...	...	1.7	27.1
244	149	Grampian	244	+1	6.1	3.1	16.9
30	4½	Greenwich Comm▲	19	-1	...	...	...
72	19	HTV Group	72	+6	...	...	32.0
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	46	-1	...	5.2	...
12½	5½	Kunick	11	...	...	...	...
480	405	LWT Hldgs	480	+4	...	1.3	22.2
519	327	Man Utd	513	...	18.0	4.4	17.6
148	59	Owners Abrd	88	...	3.5	5.1	36.3
74	33	The Pelican Gp	68	-3	...	2.0	15.9
160	55	Prism Leisure▲	136	...	...	3.0	12.6
31	16	Quadrant Grp	30	...	...	...	...
327	274	Radio Clyde▲	325	...	...	3.3	25.5
208	132	Ramsdens (H)	200	-3	...	2.8	26.5
553	431	Scot TV	497	-7	9.9	2.5	24.5
65	37	Southern Radio	59	-1	0.7	1.7	24.6
260	166	Stanley Leisure	234	...	4.3	2.3	18.5
10	5½	Sunleigh▲	8½	...	...	...	...
145	118	Sunset & Vine	125	...	3.5	3.6	14.4
420	345½	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.5	∞
2½	1	Ticketing▲	2½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenham Hot	94	...	...	...	3.0
76	44	Trans World▲	57	...	...	1.8	20.7
496	274	Ulster TV	496	...	10.0	2.6	15.0
101	62	Vardon	95	...	0.7	1.0	22.4
22	11	Wembley	18	...	0.2	1.4	...
48	7½	Whitegate	39	+1	...	...	...
229	110	Yorkshire TV	229	+5	12.0	6.6	6.9
120	83	Zetters Gp	114	+1	8.0	8.9	12.9

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5700	1800	Am Gold	4150	+350	...	4.8	21.0
1625	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1337½	+43½	...	6.6	7.1
2300	1125	Ang Am	1850	+75	...	3.6	16.1
30½	8½	Anglo Pac Res▲	28	+½	...	...	...
135	33	Blyvoors	101	+5	...	6.1	5.6
46	18	Bracken	31½	+½	...	...	1.8
571	233	Buffels	530	+55	...	11.8	∞
2½	1	Butte	1½	...	...	...	...
730	546	CRA	623	-5	...	3.1	21.3
43½	11	Cluff Res	28	+2	...	...	...
1312½	762½	De Beers	1112½	+25	...	4.3	15.2
165	37½	Deelkraal	95	+11	...	2.0	∞
98	7	Doornfontein	33	+1	...	...	...
913	388	Driefontein	693	+57	...	4.2	∞
709	120	Durban	391	+21	...	...	...
201	47	E Rand Gold	112	+4	...	10.0	3.2
270	54	E Rand Prop	179	+10	...	...	...
604	117	Elandsrand	302	+4	...	3.9	7.4
899	292	FS Cons	689	+61	...	7.0	6.6
80	8	FS Dev	39	+2	...	...	...
1675	725	GFSA	1125	+63	...	3.4	∞
180	125	Gencor	144	+9	...	6.5	11.8
64½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	42½	+1	...	3.0	11.1
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	13½	...	...	...	...
187	49	Grootvlei	104	+11	...	9.5	6.4
360	78	Harmony	218	+2	...	...	...
425	87	Hartles	261	+4	...	7.2	10.2
16	8½	Inoco▲	15	-1	...	...	...
1010	491	Impala Plat	628	...	...	4.3	21.5
13½	6	Kenmare Res▲	8½	-½	...	...	...
1060	332	Kinross	750	+58	...	6.4	8.6
913	319	Kloof	627	+64	...	3.4	∞
137	25	Leslie	84	+6	...	4.7	8.8
219	13	Loraine	130	+8	...	...	...
840	620	Lydenburg	780	...	...	2.6	∞
116½	80½	MIM	81	...	...	2.7	39.2
1265	820	Minorco	1105	+39	...	3.6	12.3
141	91	Nth Brkn Hill	119	-2½	...	3.9	19.6
2287½	612½	Orange Free	1687½	+225	...	7.4	13.5
746	607	RTZ	686	+10	...	3.9	19.0
637½	425	Rand Mines	543½	+6½	...	10.3	2.6
671	190	Randfontein	448	+5	...	6.4	∞
192	115	Renison	135	-7	...	3.1	14.0
1200	850	Rustnbrg	897½	...	...	3.6	∞
595	191	St Helena	435	+37	...	5.4	9.2
2168	475	Southvaal	1395	+49	...	7.9	25.4
119	16	Stilfontein	119	+48	...	5.0	22.1
201	58	Unisel	103	-1	...	2.9	10.2
8075	1800	Vaal Reefs	4350	+350	...	4.8	7.9
562	154	Welkom	428	+42	...	7.5	13.3
351	26	Western Areas	251	+19	...	2.2	∞
2512½	587½	Western Deep	1762½	+146½	...	3.4	8.5
283	170	Wstrn Mining	204	-2	...	2.1	∞
1029	323	Winkels	734	+24	...	1.3	6.3
84	56	Zambia Copper	72	...	...	...	...
68	16	Zandpan	35	...	...	8.4	11.8

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
258	233	Abbey Panels	233	...	...	...	...
135	95	Airflow Stream	135	...	3.0	2.8	13.0
160	82	Appleyard	152	...	5.2	4.3	...
335	201	Bletchley Mtr	325	...	...	3.4	16.4
160	120	Bostrom	160	...	6.0	4.8	27.9
468	165	Br Aerospace	409	+15	7.0	2.2	...
52	19½	Burndene	47	...	...	3.1	12.5
386	303	Caffyns	378	...	11.5	3.8	76.5
15	4½	Caverdale	13½	-½	...	...	...
143	98	Central Mtr▲	135	...	...	3.7	34.3
29	18	Cook (DC)▲	26	...	...	2.9	∞
267	156	Cowie (T)	250	-2	6.2	3.1	19.0
140	86	Dag Motors	138	...	5.7	5.2	24.9
155	102½	Davnport Vern	155	...	...	3.3	19.6
300	135	ERF	298	...	2.0	0.8	...
145	92	European Mtr	140	...	...	3.1	19.7
402	208	Evans Halshaw	399†	...	11.8	3.5	61.5
280	226	FR Group	264	...	...	3.4	12.3
3650	2643½	Ford Motor	3537½	+50	...	...	...
3312½	2143½	General Mtr	3056½	+93½	...	1.6	...
75	38	Gowrings	61	...	2.0	4.2	...
247	65	Henlys	241†	...	3.0	1.6	...
982	650	Honda Motor	920	+3	...	0.6	...
30	15	Jacks (Wm)	26	...	...	...	...
108	66	Jessups	100	...	4.5	5.6	...
173	97	Kwik-Fit	172½	+4½	...	2.4	30.5
420	281	Lex Service	413	...	...	3.2	22.0
164	85	Lookers	162	...	6.2	4.8	...
164	126	Lucas	151	-4	7.0	5.8	...
27	21	Malaya Grp	24	...	...	...	...
284	224½	Pendragon	277	...	...	3.0	22.2
198	106	Perry Gp	196	...	7.0	4.9	...
190	108	Quicks Group	189†	...	...	3.0	24.1
160	96½	Rolls-Royce	143†	-1	...	4.4	...
223	164	T & N	198	-1	...	7.2	36.6
215	163	Trinity Hldgs	214	...	...	3.2	∞
175	125	Vardy (Reg)	173	...	...	3.0	24.2
253	121	Westland	235	-5	4.2	2.3	20.8

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
195	103	Adscene	193	...	5.0	3.3	19.4
360	315	Black (A&C)	360	...	13.5	4.7	14.8
608	300	Blenheim Gp	305	-3	...	3.7	11.2
370	275	Bristol	345	...	...	4.3	31.1
£102	7775	Daily Mail	9800	...	130	1.7	22.1
£101½	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	9750	...	130	1.7	22.0
305	251	Dorling Kind	297	+1	...	1.3	28.4
373	332	EMAP	354	...	...	3.8	21.8
1113	873	Euromoney Pb	1098	...	29.5	3.4	34.5
264	170	Harrington K	233	...	4.5	2.4	18.9
468	235	Haynes Pub	465	...	8.0	2.2	∞
303	243	Hodder H'line	300	-2	5.0	1.6	30.6
140	99	Home Counts	130	...	6.0	...	...
147	30	Intl Bus Comm	144	...	...	...	20.8
14	6½	Int Cm & Data▲	12	+½	...	...	...
395	240	Independent	392†	...	...	3.0	19.2
580	395	Johnstne Press	577	...	6.2	1.4	24.9
318	243	Metal Bulletn	318	...	8.0	3.1	22.5
186	58	Mirror Gp	161	-5	...	...	...
447	297	News Corp	421	-1	...	0.3	∞
274	169	News Intl	265	-2	1.3	0.6	∞
535	354	Pearson	527	+1	...	2.9	28.3
675	510	Portsmth Sund	618	-8	...	1.9	17.0
736	618	Reed Int	692†	-5	...	3.1	30.1
150	98	Southnews	149	...	...	1.8	27.6
171	90	Sterling Pub▲	170†	...	...	2.2	18.7
423	328	Telegraph	386†	-3	...	3.5	16.3
825	715	Thomson Corp	735	+10	...	2.1	36.7
393	313	Trinity Intl	393	+3	8.7	2.8	23.4
39	27	Unit Group▲	34	...	...	...	...
593½	480½	Utd Nwspaprs	551	-2	...	4.9	16.3

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
37	17	Aran Energy	33½	...	...	...	32.6
61	37	Arcon Intl▲	40	...	...	...	...
71	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	60½	...	...	...	...
83	36	Aviva Pet	64	+1	...	...	...
16	9	Beverley	11½	...	...	...	...
205	145	Br Borneo	201	...	7.1	4.5	6.0
339½	276	British Gas	327	+4	14.2	5.5	15.5
326	229	Br Petroleum	307½	+3½	8.4	3.5	23.8
1½	1	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
821	675	Burmah Castrl	765†	+3	...	4.1	17.9
65	32	Cairn Energy	62	...	...	...	8.9
287	223	Calor Gp	266	-2	...	5.8	21.6
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	50	-½	...	...	...
44	27	Copley Res	36	+½	...	...	...
25½	10½	Edin Oil & Gs▲	18	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	451	-5	16.0	4.5	24.3
88	32	Exp Co Louis	34	...	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	24	...	...	2.5	8.5
67	45	Goal Pet	59	...	1.4	3.0	11.3
45	18	Gt Western Res	45	+1	...	...	...
175	104½	Hardy O & G	165	...	...	0.8	15.3
46	18½	Ralt Energy	41	...	...	...	...
195	128	LASMO	134	+½	3.3	...	26.9
103	63	-do- Units	70	...	9.4	15.0	...
24	10	Mid Scot Res▲	10½	...	...	...	...
56	34	Monument	51½	...	...	...	...
9½	4	New London	5½	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	27	...	1.0	4.6	9.3
36	27	Oil Search	30	...	...	...	...
17	11½	Petrex	14	+½	...	...	...
144	90	Pict Pet	140	+1	...	...	∞
29½	18	Premier	21½	+1	...	...	8.0
115	50	Presidio	115	...	...	5.3	...
393	290	Ranger	335	+17	...	4.8	...
6712½	5150	Royal Dtch Fl	6475	+50	...	4.7	16.2
4500	3600	Schlumberger	4212½	-75	...	1.9	...
67	47	Seafield	54	...	...	...	...
682	515	Shell	655	+7	21.9	4.2	19.8
203	173	Sunrise Eng Sv	173	...	...	...	...
41	21	Triton Europe	24	...	...	...	...
13½	6	Villiers Grp	13	...	...	...	...
172	135	Woodside	139	+4	...	3.4	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
144	120	AG Holdings	144	...	...	4.6	13.0
331	249	API	325	...	7.5	2.9	28.3
216	144	Arjo Wiggins	209	-4	...	3.9	33.3
543	405	Abbot Mead	539	...	9.3	2.2	27.9
40	13	Argis Gp	38	...	...	...	...
212	118	Aspen Comms▲	134	...	...	4.6	12.0
13	7	BBB Design▲	13	...	...	...	...
407	234½	Bemrose	405	...	...	3.6	16.0
33	12	Birkdale	15	-½	0.2	1.7	12.7
146	118	Bunzl	143	...	4.0	3.5	21.3
309	257	CIA Gp	309	...	...	1.8	19.5
230	93	Capital Inds	228	...	...	1.8	21.8
79	44	City of Lon▲	73	...	...	6.2	14.4
244	169	Cropper (James)	243	...	3.1	1.6	23.5
6	6	Crown Comm▲	6#	...	...	...	...
92	51	Delyn Pckaging	89	...	1.6	2.3	12.0
117	94	Dolphin Pack	106	...	4.5	5.3	26.2
87	42	Dudley Jenkins▲	84	...	...	4.6	19.1
15½	11½	Elswick	11½	...	...	1.2	15.1
73	41	Fairway Group▲	70	...	3.1	5.6	20.6
340	271	Ferguson Intl	340	...	...	4.6	15.4
108	92	Ferry Pick	105†	...	...	6.7	28.3
152	74	Filofax▲	149	-1	...	1.1	19.1
20	14	Fitch	15½	...	...	...	...
122	69	Gibbon Lyons▲	121	...	...	5.2	13.7
295	247	Gold Greenless	281	+1	8.3	3.8	∞
41	30	Goodhead	32	...	0.5	2.8	...
68	35	Hunterprint	43	-1	...	...	...
185	136	Inveresk	165	...	7.4	5.7	10.8
264	191	Jarvis Porter	250	-1	...	2.3	24.1
32	15½	Lopex	28	...	...	...	...
309	175	More O'Ferrall	307	...	13.2	5.4	36.7
133	68	NMC Group	110	...	2.0	2.3	16.8
172	66	Osborne & Little	170	...	...	3.4	18.7
525	455	Portals	492	-1	...	3.7	16.8
2	½	Premier Hlth	2	...	...	...	...
281	159	Quarto	280†	+1	...	2.4	17.2
347	287	St Ives Gp	310	...	5.2	2.1	21.1
185½	142½	Saatchi	162	...	...	...	...
474	292	Sappi	330	...	...	11.2	6.3
32	11½	Sertt▲	30½	...	...	...	...
32½	14	Shandwick	22	...	...	...	...
397	294	Smith David	360	...	...	3.5	18.9
295	214	Smurfit (Jeff)	239	...	...	3.0	16.2
68	45	Somic	61	...	1.5	3.1	25.0
246	183	Stat-Plus	234	...	8.0	4.3	20.5
27½	16½	Taylor Nelson	22½	...	0.3	1.4	22.6
66	38	VTR▲	68	...	...	6.2	19.4
106	40	WPP	103	...	...	1.2	3.9
176	62	Wace	175†	...	...	...	...
265	203	Waddington (J)	262	-3	...	3.8	19.6
750	540	Watmough	748	...	11.5	1.9	29.3
7	4½	Westport▲	6	...	...	...	...
34	12	Whitney Mck▲	24	...	...	...	...
87	55	Wood (SW)	76	-1	...	2.1	16.3

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
104	41	Allied Lon	104	...	3.5	4.2	...
63	58	Arcadian	62	...	...	...	...
16½	4½	Ascot Hldgs	6½	-½	...	...	...
104	52	Asda	104	...	...	2.5	10.9
150	88	Avonside	149	...	4.0	3.4	20.6
2637½	3062½	BCE▲	2187½	+25	...	...	...
652	396	Bilton	648	...	18.9	3.6	23.4
110	23	Bourne End	90	...	1.0	1.4	...
224	150	Bradford	213	-2	5.4	3.2	21.6
23	5	Bredero	16	-½	...	...	...
405	166½	Br Land	390	-7	...	2.3	34.6
240	140½	Brixton	230	-3	...	4.5	18.2
79	42	Burford	76†	-1	...	1.9	...
175	99	Cap & Regnl▲	175	...	...	0.8	...
215	120	Cardiff Prop	215	...	2.4	1.4	...
490	196	Chesterfield	490	...	11.0	2.8	35.1
43	12	City Site Ests	41	...	1.4	...	...
25	12	Clarke Nickolls	20	...	...	...	...
53	34	Conrad Rbist GS	47	-1	...	...	...
1275	818	Daejan	1270	...	...	2.7	15.7
3½	1½	Dares Estates	2½	...	...	...	...
100	53	Debenham Twsn	100	...	...	3.8	19.5
12	4	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
155	76	Dencora	153	...	3.0	2.5	...
563	263	Derwent Hldgs	558	...	8.6	1.9	69.5
45	10	Development Sec	43	...	...	...	...
55	25	Dwyer	53	...	...	...	...
300	170	Estates Agency	285	...	3.0	...	26.1
27	7½	Estates Gen	21	+2	...	...	...
214	132	Evans Of Leeds	206	...	...	2.8	18.2
33½	11	Five Oaks	33	...	...	...	...
63	30	Fletcher King	62	...	1.0	2.0	41.1
474	276½	Frogmore	471	...	...	4.0	27.4
200	97	Grainger	193	...	5.2	3.4	43.1
222	116½	Gt Portland	207	-6	...	4.8	19.8
27½	7½	Greycoat	23½	...	...	...	...
151	101	HK Land	143	-3	...	4.6	19.5
84	35	Hambro Cntyw	78†	...	0.5	0.8	...
403	257½	Hammerson	395	-2	10.0	3.2	40.0
663	245	-do- 'A'	359	...	10.0	3.5	36.3
253	127	Helical Bar	251	...	...	2.4	9.0
35	19	Hemingway	32½	...	...	...	...
132	56	Herring Baker	67	-1	3.7	7.0	16.8
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
682	435	Land Sec	663	-4	22.8	4.3	20.0
111	73	Lon Merch Sec	104	...	4.0	4.8	16.2
4½	1½	Lon & Metro	3½	...	...	...	...
504	315½	MEPC	490	-3	...	5.1	21.1
9	5	McInerney A	6	...	...	...	...
135	90	McKay Secs	134	...	3.5	3.3	18.4
7½	3	Markheath	6	...	0.5	...	...
49	12	Merivale Mre	40	-1	1.0	...	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5#	...	...	...	...
45	29	Moorfield Est	45	+4	...	...	...
1250	775	Mountview	1300	...	20.0	2.1	11.9
169	112	Mucklow (A&J)	167	...	5.9	4.4	25.5
46	30	Olives Prop	36	...	1.5	5.2	...
10½	3½	Ossory Est	4½	-½	0.1	...	1.4
153	98	PSIT	153	...	4.1	3.1	30.3
303	138	Peel	303	+3	4.0	1.7	...
16	7	Power Corp	8	...	...	...	0.9
46	22	Property Trust	37	...	...	...	∞
75	42	Raglan	51	-2	...	...	...
29	11	Regalian	20½	-½	...	...	...
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	135	...	1.5	1.4	35.9
47	16	St Modwen Prp	44	...	0.6	1.7	33.5
70	39	Savills	59	...	...	2.1	23.4
98	34	Scot Met	98	...	1.5	...	...
105	39	Shaftesbury	98	...	...	...	...
15½	5	Shield	11½	...	...	...	6.0
245	139½	Slough Estates	237†	-1	...	4.3	16.6
82	36	Southend Prop	77	-2	...	3.9	...
35	16	Stanhope Prps▲	33	-1	...	...	...
190	114	Tops Ests	190	...	2.1	1.4	67.7
125	70	Town Centre	125	...	3.1	3.1	23.3
85	43	Trafford Park	80	...	2.5	4.0	21.6
56	17	UK Land	39	-1	...	...	...
9½	4	Union Square	6½	...	...	...	...
258	180	Warner	252	...	10.5	5.2	23.0
218	168	Warnford	218	...	7.5	4.3	16.0
8	2	Waterglade	2½	...	...	...	...
92	35	Wates	88	...	0.7	...	...
76	40	Wood John D▲	72	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	11	Automagic▲	15	...	...	...	...
176	84	Headlam	173	...	...	1.9	38.9
500	315	Lambert	330	+5	13.0	5.0	8.0
100	51	Pittards	61	-2	2.0	4.1	17.4
30	20	Strong & Fisher	26	-½	1.0	4.8	7.2
187	89	Stylo	184	...	...	2.0	70.4
66	53	UK Safety	65	+1	...	23.8	2.1

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
508	408	Allied Text	488	...	12.6	3.2	15.7
69	54	Beckman (A)	61	...	4.7	...	12.1
35	21	Bolton Gp	29	...	...	...	14.8
170	141	Br Mohair	165	...	8.5	6.5	15.3
53	15	Charwell▲	41	...	...	...	...
364	298	Claremont Gs	340	...	7.2	2.7	21.0
601	522	Courtauld Text	541†	-4	15.6	3.1	14.8
55½	24½	Cupid▲	32	...	...	...	...
248½	205	Dawson	209	+1	...	5.4	15.9
38	22	Drummond	38	...	...	...	...
81	65	Faupel▲	81	...	...	7.6	12.5
34	15	Foster (John)	21	-1	...	...	...
133	82	Gaskell	123	...	4.2	4.4	...
223	156	Hicking Pntcst	223	...	...	2.2	17.3
75	45	Jerome (S)	75	+3	...	...	...
365	249	Lamont	361	...	12.0	4.2	29.8
515	353½	Leeds	515	+9	...	1.8	24.9
63½	15	Lister	61	...	0.1	0.2	...
122	78	Lyles (S)	83	...	4.9	7.4	9.4
169	89	Magellan	185	...	1.4	0.9	...
171	69	Parkland 'A'	170	...	2.0	1.5	...
102½	82	Readicut	101	...	...	4.3	10.0
58	35	SEET	49	-1	...	...	...
129	72	Sirdar	129	+13	5.3	5.3	∞
72	44	Stirling Gp	70	...	1.8	3.3	17.1
51	37	Stoddard	49	...	...	3.8	45.6
312	250	Tomkinsons	299	...	11.5	4.8	25.8
62½	32½	West Trust	36	...	2.5	8.7	∞
208½	126	Yorklyde	181	...	...	3.6	11.9

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
507	407	BAT	466	+8	...	5.0	14.0
743	594½	Rothmans 'B'	645	-1	11.5	2.2	12.8

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
469	349	Assoc Br Ports	452	-16	...	2.4	...
839	707	BAA	817	+4	...	2.4	20.3
367	249	Br Airways	358	+3	...	3.7	19.7
106	56	Clarkson (H)	93	...	1.5	2.0	...
73	23	Davies Newman	23#	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	484	-4	...	...	...
82	44	Fisher (James)	82	...	1.0	1.5	22.0
211	147	IoM Steam	208†	...	...	4.5	10.9
34	24	Jacobs (JI)	32†	...	0.5	2.0	...
96	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	89	...	...	1.4	17.4
2975	1262½	Manchestr Sh	2925	-12½	4.5	0.2	16.0
394	280	Mersey Docks	378	...	7.5	2.5	24.0
271	181	Natl Express	256	...	...	3.5	18.2
264	230	NFC	267	...	6.5	3.1	20.2
339	244	Ocean Group	333	-3	...	5.5	...
73	40	Ocean Wilson	60	-1	4.0	7.6	12.0
676	504	P & O Dfd	601	+11	...	6.6	31.3
169	127	P & O 5 1/2%	168	+9	...	4.1	...
563	448	Powell Duffryn	549	+1	...	5.1	21.3
173	117	Seacon▲	173†	...	...	3.7	10.9
148	112	Stagecoach	147	...	...	3.2	∞
60½	31½	TNT	53	+1	...	...	...
773	624	Tibbet & Britten	743	...	11.5	2.0	28.5
382	173	Tiphook	253	+4	...	9.5	...
298	227	TDG	259	...	...	4.0	8.5

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
553	458	Anglian Water	543	+5	...	4.9	11.0
661	547	Northumbrian	655	+2	...	4.3	6.7
537½	431½	North West	531	+3	...	5.0	9.5
564	439	Severn Trent	558	+5	...	4.7	8.0
583	454	Sthrn Water	572	+3	...	4.7	9.5
1605	1225	Sth Staffs	1600	...	47.0	3.7	11.4
586	465	South West	580	...	...	5.1	9.5
563	454	Thames Water	557	+6	...	4.7	10.9
639	506	Welsh Water	622	-1	...	4.7	6.3
660	536	Wessex Water	650	-9	...	4.1	9.9
593	473½	Yorkshire W	556	...	...	4.8	9.5

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; • Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; .. No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
106[illegible]	101¼	Treas 13¼% 1993	101¼	...	13.56	5.63
102[illegible]	101[illegible]	Treas 8½% 1994	101[illegible]	...	8.41	5.58
109¼	104	Treas 14½% 1994	104	...	13.94	5.60
109[illegible]	104[illegible]	Exch 13½% 1994	104[illegible]	...	12.90	5.63
105[illegible]	103[illegible]	Treas 10% 1994	103[illegible]	...	9.70	5.66
110[illegible]	106¼	Exch 12½% 1994	106¼	-[illegible]	11.78	5.69
105[illegible]	103[illegible]	Treas 9% 1994	103[illegible]	...	8.68	5.65
111[illegible]	108[illegible]	Treas 12% 1995	108[illegible]	...	11.11	5.71
97¼	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	97¼	...	3.09	4.69
109¼	107[illegible]	Exch 10¼% 1995	107¼	...	9.52	5.79
116¼	113[illegible]	Treas 12¾% 1995	113[illegible]	-[illegible]	11.23	5.92
120¼	117[illegible]	Treas 14% 1996	117[illegible]	-[illegible]	11.94	5.98
125¼	121[illegible]	Treas 15¼% 1996	121¾	-[illegible]	12.53	6.13
120[illegible]	116¼	Exch 13¼% 1996	117[illegible]	-[illegible]	11.32	6.15
111½	108¼	Conv 10% 1996	110[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.06	6.28
122[illegible]	118[illegible]	Treas 13¼% 1997	120[illegible]	-[illegible]	11.02	6.38
113[illegible]	110[illegible]	Exch 10½% 1997	112¼	-[illegible]	9.34	6.39
109	105¼	Treas 8¾% 1997	108[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.10	6.39
132[illegible]	127[illegible]	Exch 15% 1997	129[illegible]	-[illegible]	11.57	6.62
112[illegible]	109[illegible]	Exch 9¾% 1998	111[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.72	6.55
103¼	99[illegible]	Treas 7¼% 1998	103¼†	-[illegible]	7.03	6.44
101½	97[illegible]	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100[illegible]	...	6.70	6.36
129¼	125[illegible]	Treas 14% 1998-01	127[illegible]	-[illegible]	10.96	6.91

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
138[illegible]	133[illegible]	Treas 15½% 1998	136[illegible]‡	-[illegible]	11.34	6.76
129[illegible]	118¼	Exch 12% 1998	121[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.84	6.86
113½	108[illegible]	Treas 9½% 1999	112[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.47	6.72
125¼	120[illegible]	Exch 12¼% 1999	124 ‡	-[illegible]	9.88	6.92
118¼	112[illegible]	Treas 10½% 1999	116[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.98	6.81
118[illegible]	112[illegible]	Conv 10¼% 1999	116[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.77	6.83
113	106	Conv 9% 2000	111¼	-[illegible]	8.09	6.80
133[illegible]	125¼	Treas 13% 2000	131[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.90	7.11
118¼	109[illegible]	Treas 10% 2001	116[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.56	7.03
119[illegible]	108¼	Treas 9¾% 2002	117[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.33	7.12
108[illegible]	97[illegible]	Treas 8% 2003	106[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.50	7.01
122[illegible]	109¼	Treas 10% 2003	119[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.36	7.20
125[illegible]	116¼	Treas 11½% 2001-04	124 ‡	+[illegible]	9.27	7.29
81[illegible]	67[illegible]	Fund 3½% 1999-04	78[illegible]	+[illegible]	4.44	6.20
119[illegible]	105¼	Conv 9½% 2004	116[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.14	7.27
119[illegible]	105¼	Conv 9½% 2005	117 †	+[illegible]	8.12	7.29
137¼	124[illegible]	Treas 12½% 2003-05	134[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.27	7.52
107	94[illegible]	Treas 8% 2002-06	104¼†	-[illegible]	7.66	7.39
130¼	118[illegible]	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	128[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.16	7.48
112[illegible]	97[illegible]	Treas 8½% 2007	110[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.72	7.31
145[illegible]	131[illegible]	Treas 13½% 2004-08	142[illegible]‡	+[illegible]	9.45	7.52

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
117¼	101¼	Treas 9% 2008	114[illegible]‡	+[illegible]	7.83	7.33
108[illegible]	92¼	Treas 8% 2009	105[illegible]‡	-[illegible]	7.57	7.35
118¼	100½	Conv 9% 2011	115½	+[illegible]	7.77	7.37
118[illegible]	100½	Treas 9% 2012	116[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.74	7.37
86½	70½	Treas 5½% 2008-12	84[illegible]	+[illegible]	6.48	6.94
106[illegible]	89½	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	104[illegible]	-[illegible]	7.45	7.32
108[illegible]	93[illegible]	Treas 8% 2013	106[illegible]†	-[illegible]	7.53	7.38
149[illegible]	125[illegible]	Exch 12% 2013-17	145[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.24	7.54
117¼	97¼	Treas 8¾% 2017	115[illegible]	-[illegible]	7.60	7.36

UNDATED

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
48[illegible]	38½	War Ln 3½%	47[illegible]	-[illegible]	7.42	...
34½	27[illegible]	Treas 2½%	33½†	-[illegible]	7.49	...

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
138½	131½	Treas IL 2% 1994	135[illegible]	...	...	0.23
199[illegible]	194[illegible]	Treas IL 2% 1996	199½	...	1.51	2.44
110½	105½	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	110	...	1.91	2.59
169[illegible]	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	168½†	-[illegible]	2.65	3.04
166½	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	165[illegible]	-[illegible]	2.80	3.13
113[illegible]	105½	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	112[illegible]†	-[illegible]	2.87	3.15
176[illegible]	159½	Treas IL 2% 2006	174[illegible]	-[illegible]	2.86	3.11
160½	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	159½	-[illegible]	2.90	3.21
167½	148[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2011	166[illegible]	...	3.01	3.21
139[illegible]	122[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2013	137½	...	3.04	3.22
149½	130[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2016	148½	...	3.06	3.23
145[illegible]	124[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2020	143½†	-[illegible]	3.10	3.25
122½	102½	Treas IL 2½% 2024	120½	...	3.10	3.23
122½	103½	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	120½	-[illegible]	3.11	3.25

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How to survive a company earthquake

When the going gets tough, jobs start to disappear. Richard Sarson looks at how managers at the giant computer companies deal with such situations

The attacks by Mark Tully, the BBC's veteran India correspondent, on John Birt, his director general, will have rung a bell with anybody who has been at the wrong end of a sweeping managerial change.

There have certainly been many such Birtian earthquakes in the computer industry. When John Sculley, "the soda-pop salesman" from Pepsi, became chief executive of Apple he eventually dismissed Steve Jobs, the founder, and shifted the company from hobbyism to business.

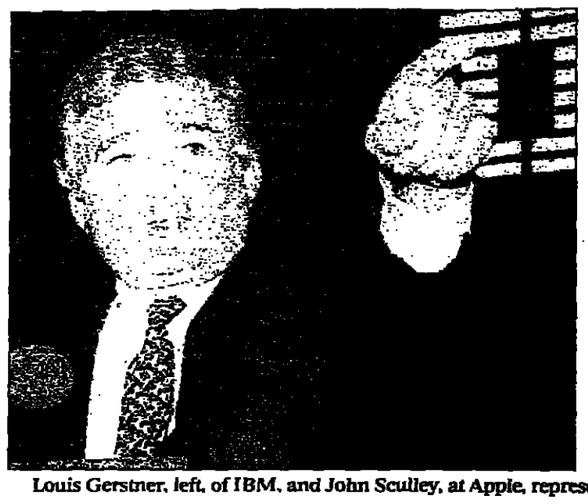
Closer to home, ICL staff suffered similar traumas, first when Geoff Cross, its reforming managing director, came in in 1972, then nine years later under Robb Wilmot, after the financial crisis of 1981.

Today, IBM is suffering the same huge cuts under Louis Gerstner — so serious that during the weekend in which one round of cuts was announced in Poughkeepsie, IBM's original company town in New York state, the mayor closed the gun shops for fear of suicides.

For those working in information technology, surviving these sort of earthquakes is an art. The technique of objecting publicly to a new managing director's methods is not to be recommended in the harsh world of the computer industry, where such an outburst will often meet with instant dismissal, however distinguished the old soldier letting off his musket.

Confrontation does not work. A recently retired ICL executive confessed that in the 1980s, whenever a member of the new management went to him to suggest something dynamic but impractical, he would groan and say: "For heaven's sake, we tried that in 1974 and it was a disaster." As a result, he was written off for being negative.

The safest course of action must be to play along with any management changes, even at the risk of incurring the wrath of colleagues for being a sycophant. The alternative is to move out.



Louis Gerstner, left, of IBM, and John Sculley, at Apple, represent two styles of management

Surveys of IT companies undergoing big job cuts show that it is often the more talented and maverick staff who leave or are made redundant, leaving most of the yes-men and the mediocre. Paradoxically, this usually jeopardises the prospects of the reforms. This drain of talent is accelerated if the incoming axe person leaves the job of selecting the unlucky people to be made redundant to the discredited top managers. They keep around them their equally discredited cronies, and get rid of the mavericks, who are more likely to be able to realise the reforms. At ICL, it was only after the first 5,000 staff left that Mr Wilmot fired the old guard. Hence it took ten years to change the bureaucratic culture throughout the whole company.

Also popular in information technology is to ship in "hired guns" from outside to implement reforms. Perhaps because of American domination of the computer industry, it is often people from the other side of the Atlantic who are brought in, using American management methods, to companies in Britain to create change very rapidly, even at the cost of stirring up great resentment. They tend to be intentionally abrasive, to play the "ugly American" and generally shake up their British colleagues.

But if radical reform by hired guns works no better than reform by sycophants, there must be a middle way, whereby incoming reformers can manage to carry most of the existing staff with them, partly by identifying with some of the company's existing culture. Mr Sculley managed this trick at Apple. He went there to change Apple from being a group of eccentrics into a major corporation. He soon adopted, or appeared to adopt, many of the wacky characteristics of his new company, abandoning business suits, and being captivated with Apple's vision.

> The employees have never been known for their vision

In his early days, he promoted Jean-Louis Gasse, a charismatic Frenchman, to be his right-hand man, to emphasise his acceptance of this vision. Being more Apple than Apple, he succeeded in carrying most of the staff with him through his transformation of Apple into one of the largest computer companies in the world. But now Apple is in difficulty, perhaps because he went too far with this approach. He has handed control to Michael Spindler, an even harder-headed businessman.

Mr Gerstner, chairman and chief executive of IBM, may be playing the same game in reverse. IBM employees have never been seen as hot on futuristic vision so Mr Gerstner will have struck a chord when he recently decried innovation. He will also have pleased many when he said he would leave the company's basic structure alone, and that he disliked the whole new concept of "autonomous business units".

IBM staff have always enjoyed living in a large monolithic structure, and despite the traumatic job cuts, many of the remaining staff could be working with rather than against Mr Gerstner, whatever he may do.

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Your private number may be up

A new service will give subscribers their last caller's number, something not everyone will welcome

BT is to start trials later this month of a new service that will give customers the telephone number of the last person who called them, whether or not they answered the call.

The service, called Call Return, is to be tested on 40,000 customers in Perth and is part of BT's plan to introduce a range of publicly-available caller identification services nationally next year.

The introduction of similar services in America has been controversial as civil liberty groups and others have argued that it is not always a good idea for some people to have their numbers automatically given to those they called. Others, however, say that the service significantly cuts down malicious and hoax calls.

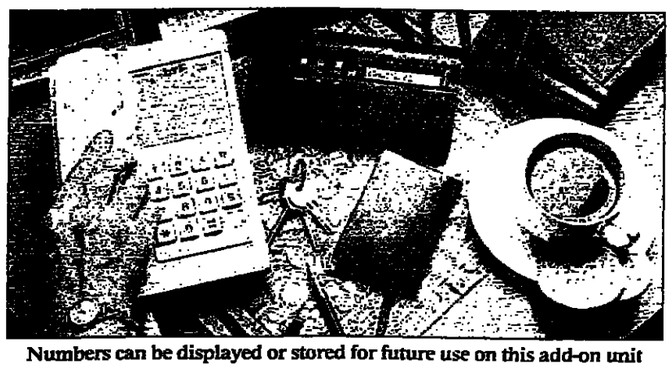
Customers testing BT's Call Return service will be able to enter a code on their telephone and hear an automatic voice at the exchange give the telephone number of their last caller. Alternatively, a second code will automatically dial the number the call was made from. "Everyone knows the frustration of getting to the phone just as the caller hangs up," a spokesman for BT says.

Charges will be either quarterly for those requesting the service all the time, or customers will be charged each time they use it. Earlier this year, BT tested a more extensive service, Caller Display, in Elgin, Scotland. It allows customers to see the number of the person calling them before they answer the phone. A record of calling numbers is also stored for later use if required. When launched nationally next year, subscribers will need a new phone, or add-on unit, that can be bought or rented. It will include a small liquid crystal display screen that shows a caller's number.

This type of service is already on offer to 30 per cent of telephone subscribers in the United States and is quickly becoming more sophisticated.

Last week, Sprint started offering 182,000 of its customers in parts of Florida a service called Caller ID Deluxe. For $7 (about £4.50) a month, the service will display not only the number but also the name of the subscriber calling.

BT says it recognises that on certain occasions there may be reasons why callers will not want their numbers revealed. Its examples include people wanting to contact some crime-reporting lines or confidential helplines. There are also special situations, such as women who have left violent husbands but who still need to phone home to check that their children are all right without revealing their number and therefore possibly their whereabouts to the husband. Less seriously, but no doubt annoyingly, it would mean that those callers at present ex-directory would be giving their phone numbers and, if we follow America, quite possibly their name as well, to anyone they call.



Numbers can be displayed or stored for future use on this add-on unit

The result in the US has been that many of the states that allow caller identification services also insist that telephone operators provide a free call-blocking option for people who do not want their numbers displayed.

This example will be followed by BT. When the service becomes available nationally anyone dialling 141 before making a call will not have their number displayed to those who have caller identification equipment or have their number given to people using the call return service.

Those making obscene, harassing or other unwanted calls are more than likely to block their numbers. BT argues that the service will still be beneficial because customers can simply decide not to pick up the phone if the number is not displayed.

In America, this option has been formalised whereby customers subscribing to caller identification can sign up, and pay for, yet another service — Anonymous Call Rejection — which automatically rejects calls from anyone unwilling to have their number displayed.

Attention in America is now focusing on the use of caller identification by businesses. Some finance and mail-order companies have linked the service to credit-rating databases so they can instantly check a caller's financial status. Other businesses match incoming numbers to their customer or marketing records.

Unlike Britain, America permits reverse phone directories, which can provide a name and address from a phone number. A computerised version is now available on five CD-Rom discs that links telephone numbers to more than 90 million individuals and businesses and costs £225.

It may be some time before such delights come to Britain, but in the meantime BT's Call Return could be a blessing to those infuriated by unsolicited sales calls. Those bent on revenge could find their tormentors' telephone numbers available just a call away.

MATTHEW MAY

Designers are giving the plug-ugly personal computer the beauty treatment. **David Hewson** witnesses a style transformation

PCs to acquire arresting looks

Computer magazines are full of articles about the insides of personal computers, and how various combinations of unintelligible acronyms can make one machine faster, cheaper and generally more desirable than another.

Design is an issue that rarely raises its head in the technical press, yet for most other electrical commodities how a product looks is just as important as what it actually does.

Over the years PC users have been conditioned to believe that the amount of memory, the size of the hard disc and the speed of the processor are the key criteria by which a desktop computer should be judged.

Perhaps this is just as well because, when examined with a candid eye, most office PCs are too big, too noisy, too greedy with electricity, and, in aesthetic terms, plain plug-ugly.

They are also, for the average office user, all very much the same, which may be one reason why the question of design is finally beginning to become a live issue.

PC manufacturers are at last desperately searching for a way in which to make their products stand out from the battalions of lookalikes that are crowding retail shelves. NEC, the Japanese manufacturer which has been running blueprints for the PC of the future through an internal think tank, has come up with several prototypes.

These go well beyond today's conventions, however, and are designed to be not just portable but wearable. NEC's futurologists predict that the report writer of the future will wear a "lapbody", an advanced notebook that hangs from shoulder straps like a purse and can rest in front of the chest when in use.

> The 'spoon' terminal comes on wheels and can be whatever its user wants

Other variations include the "porto office", in which the electronic components, including a fax, video camera and touch pad, are contained in a tube supporting a keyboard and a display, and the "spoon PC", a round terminal on wheels which can be used from any side, turning itself into a keyboard, touch pad or pen pad according to what the user requires.

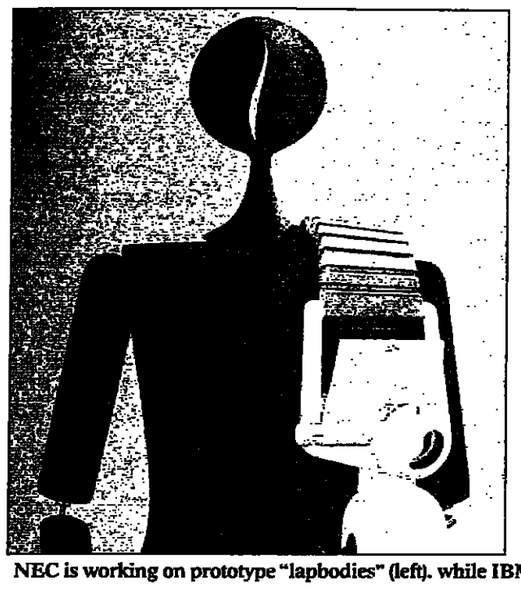
NEC is keen to emphasise that its glimpse into the future is pure speculation, not an announcement of products about to appear. But the company believes that design is an area for future development, and has incorporated some of the elements of its future PCs, including swivelling screens and high quality colour flat displays, into its fast-selling range of Ultralite notebooks.

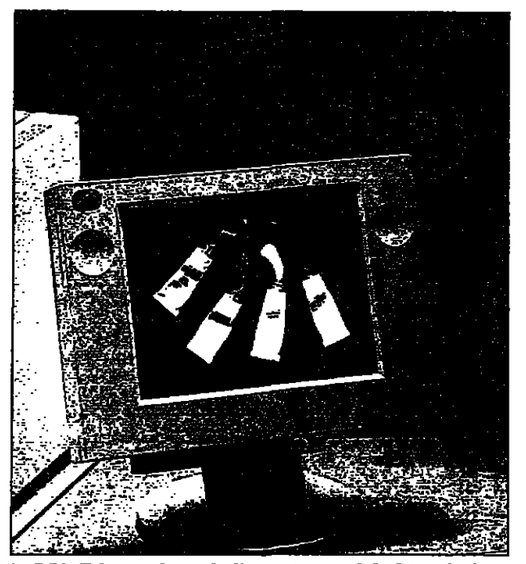
In the next century, says Hideji Takemasa, NEC's design centre superviser, the PC store may look more like a designer boutique and less like the industrial warehouse of today.

Toshiba, another Japanese manufacturer, now makes nothing but notebooks and believes that, with new developments they will increasingly supersede the standard office desktop PC.

IBM, which has often been criticised in the past for being slow to lead the PC market it originally developed, has been the first to lay down a serious challenge to conventional desktop design.

Its new PS2/E machine is the most innovative desktop machine in years, a fully fledged, powerful modern 486 computer, but with a modular, stylish image that would look equally at home as part of an upmarket hi-fi system.





NEC is working on prototype "lapbodies" (left). while IBM's PS2/E is a serious challenge to usual desktop design

IBM's key criteria for the new product may well be a blueprint for the PC of the future, the machines that will follow today's big, noisy, power-hungry beasts.

The template for many of the features of the desktop of tomorrow is the notebook of today. The top model of the PS2/E range uses the same flat-screen colour display found on IBM's Thinkpad notebook, but mounted on a Z-shaped bracket.

You can hang the screen on the wall or move it around the office with one hand. Like all high-quality colour screens, the cost is high, accounting for more than half of the £5,500 price.

Analysts predict a continuing fall in flat-screen prices over the next few years as production techniques improve. IBM considers that by the turn of the century most office desktops will be using flat screens.

The PS2/E has a small notebook-style keyboard, with full-size keys and a built-in "mouse" that looks like the rubber from a school pencil. To keep down the base unit size, the system uses the latest alternatives to old-fashioned expansions slots. PCMCIA slots that can accept a wide range of cards, from hard discs to modems, in two credit card-sized holes in the side of the machine.

PCMCIA is a developing standard, fast taking hold of the notebook world and now spreading to desktops. It promises huge advances over conventional expansion slots.

Cards can be inserted and withdrawn easily, without turning off the machine, so a user can take his or her entire workload on the road on a single credit card-sized hard disc.

But compactness also has its price. PCMCIA devices are more costly than conventional devices. Psion Dacom is one of the leading manufacturers in the market. Its V32 bis device has just been reduced to £499. IBM says it expects interest in the PS2/E, one of the most expensive PCs available, to be limited to chief executives who want something stylish on their desks, and business roles which require a piece of front-desk equipment that is less ungainly than the common cathode ray tube monitor, such as hotel reception areas or travel agencies.

The lessons the company learns from its stylish venture into PCs with cachet will then be used to design next year's flush of new machines.

CDs hit a new note

A NEW music label for CD-Roms rather than conventional audio compact discs is to be set up by the Bertelsmann Music Group. The German media giant's move, in partnership with Ion, a Los Angeles-based multimedia firm, will be the recording industry's first interactive music label.

The venture will sell interactive CD-Roms, which are high-capacity CDs combining video, text and graphics. They would allow music video buyers to choose the orchestration for songs, attach a variety of images and read the lyrics.

Dial a face

VIDEO calls from a local store will become possible in the US next year. The telecommunications company Sprint is to build a public video-conferencing network in 650 photocopying shops run by Kinko.

Paul Orfalea, Kinko's founder, says: "For business people who need to communicate with colleagues or clients through a video-conference, or kids at college who'd like to say hello face-to-face to their families over the holidays, Kinko's will bring sophisticated services right to the corner store."

The service will cost an introductory $20 (about £13) a half-hour when it starts in January.

In the picture

JAPAN'S television and video industry has welcomed European efforts to move towards a common digital standard for high definition television. At present, several transmission formats are used around the world, including NTSC, PAL and SECAM, so a common standard would make it easier to develop HDTV.

Members of the digital video broadcasting project agreed in Bonn last week to use a common standard.

Work aid

BORLAND, the software company, has announced a series of workgroup-computing software programs, designed to help business users share data and work on common tasks.

Borland said it will start including a new technology — Office Exchange — in new workgroup versions of its spreadsheet and database programs. Several rival software companies have already released similar programs. The software will allow simultaneous updates in such areas as office calendars or spreadsheets.

Right number

The European Commission says it has no anti-trust problems with BT's plans to take a 20 per stake in the US long-distance giant MCI Communications. Under the proposed alliance, BT would create a joint venture, Newco, to provide global telecommunications services. BT would take a 20 per cent state in MCI, and MCI would acquire BT North America.

MCI is America's second-biggest long-distance telephone company and the world's sixth-biggest. BT is the world's fourth-biggest and has been the most profitable of the past decade.

Go gladiatorial in virtual reality

Visitors to Live '93, which opened yesterday, are having the chance to experience the latest in virtual reality video games. The leader in this field, W Industries, is showing Gridbuster, its newest "virtuality" game for amusement arcades.

Snap on the virtual reality helmet and enter the "virtuality pod" — a game area the size of a phone booth, then stride into a blood-stained arena as a futuristic gladiator from the year 2023, complete with jetpack. Standing inside the pod allows the players to jump, duck and turn around completely within the virtual world.

Gary Edwards of W Industries says: "It makes the VR immersion a little more complete. When you turn physically, you turn in the virtual world itself.

"With this game, we've also moved the graphics forward. When a player confronts another in the virtual arena, he'll see a fully detailed human face.

"We have also pre-scanned a number of images to make the combat more startling."

Such technology, which can usually be enjoyed only in arcades and theme parks because of its expense and complexity, is widely expected to drive the home video games market into the next decade.

Sega has already has gone into partnership with W Industries in order to establish virtual reality as part of its family entertainment centre programme of arcade developments. The deal is reportedly worth about £3.5 million over two years for W Industries.

Sega has opened one such high-tech entertainment centre in Bournemouth this year. A second, in the £50 million Japanese Yaohan Plaza, in Colindale, north London, will follow soon.

Not to be outdone, Nintendo, Sega's arch rival, has allied with SGI, an American computer specialist which contributed technology to create the effects in the movies *Jurassic Park* and *Terminator 2*.

Their plan is to develop a virtual reality video games system for the home. Project Reality, as it has been named, could be ready to play within a couple of years.

STEVE MAY

A "virtuality" combatant

● *Live '93, Britain's biggest consumer electronics show, is taking place at London's Olympia. There is late opening tonight until 9.30pm, and on Saturday and Sunday until 7.30 pm. The show closes on Monday at 5pm. Tickets are £7 each or £16 for a family of up to two adults and three children. After 4pm, tickets cost £5 or £12 for a family ticket. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.*

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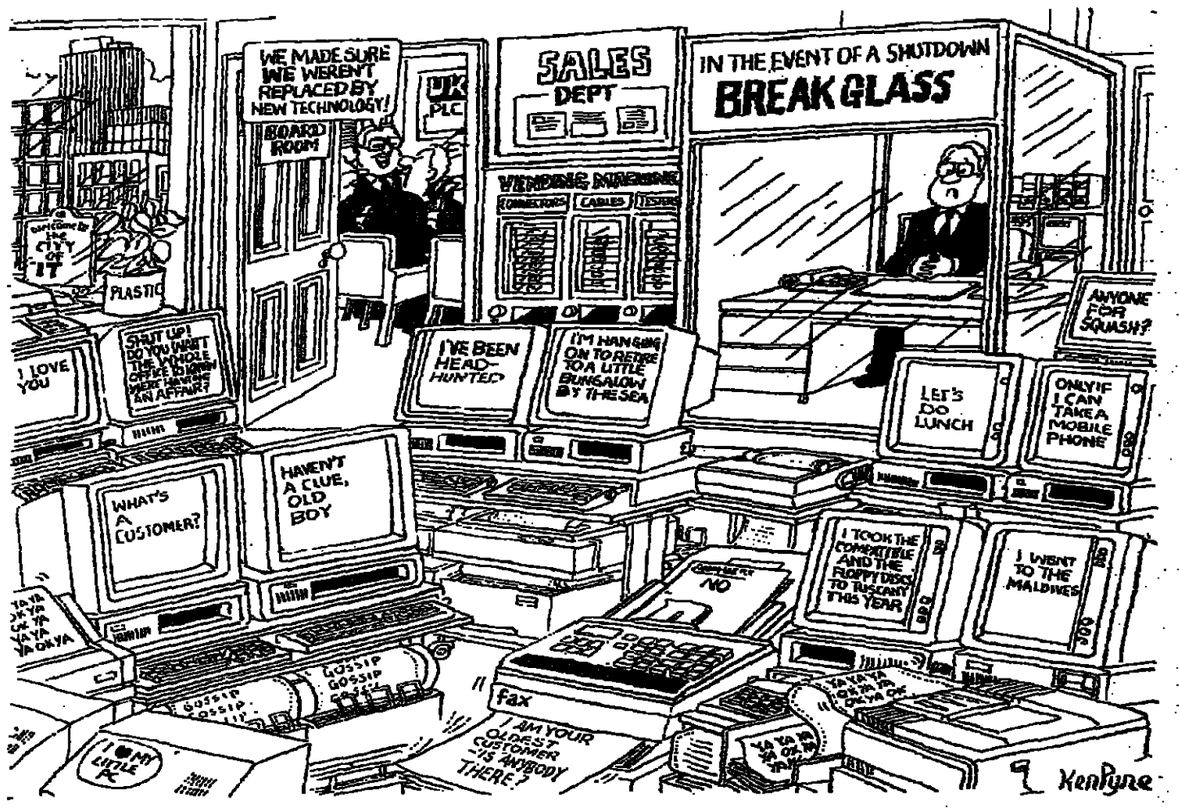
Does high-tech add value?

Working out the true worth of technology is not easy, says **David Hewson**



Over the past decade, the icons of modern business technology, such as personal computers, fax machines and mobile communications systems, have penetrated companies large and small. Yet few managers are well placed to answer the hard questions about technology that are judged mandatory for other facets of a business.

What are the competitive advantages for the company? How are new systems and installations justified in terms of cost? Would you be any worse off if you stayed out of the race altogether?

In part, this stems from the fast-changing and fluid nature of the sector. A decade ago, personal computers had little impact outside finance departments and the word processing units replacing the old typing pools.

Beyond these areas, computing requirements were either ignored or handed to computer departments, writing bespoke applications for specialist minicomputer or mainframe systems.

Today the personal computer is king. Large companies are progressively "downsizing" to desktop-led systems while, at the other end of the spectrum, small and medium size companies — once outside the business technology loop — are investing in low-priced personal computer networks that have a power and flexibility few foresaw in the mid-1980s.

Yet the doubts remain. Companies invest in technology partly because they believe that to stay out of the race is to admit to failure. The nagging worry that they are merely engaged in some complex game of the emperor's clothes is pervasive, however, and sometimes those doubts can be confirmed in the worst of all ways.

These worries go beyond customers and into the technology industry itself.

At last April's Comdex computer industry show in Chicago, Michael Dell, the chairman of Dell, a PC manufacturer, categorised personal computer users as "unhappy, frustrated, and less productive than they expected to be". According to Mr Dell, productivity in America has actually declined in the service sector of the economy over the past eight years, despite being an area that purchases three quarters of all computer systems.

The manufacturing sector, however, is much less computer-intensive, but has had a productivity gain of 27 per cent.

> Would you be any worse off if you decided to stay out of the race altogether?

Mr Dell blames the computer industry for "throwing more technology at the problem" without understanding what the customer really wants or needs. This focus on technology for technology's sake has resulted in an emphasis on misguided industry alliances, new, self-serving standards and hard-to-use products, he says.

Remarkably enough, little research has been done by the technology industry itself into the benefits of the products it sells. Even the giants of the business, such as Microsoft, tend to rely on anecdotal evidence to suggest that the millions of products they have sold make the people who use them more efficient.

All too often, the argument is that because technology is popular with employees, which it usually is, some benefit must follow. However, is a sales manager productively employed when choosing which style of graph, and which particular typeface, should be used in his monthly reports?

And when does the work of learning and controlling a company's technology overtake the job for which the individual was originally employed?

One of the few sources of hard facts on the impact of IT is the Kobler Unit at London's Imperial College which has been researching the subject since 1985.

According to Catherine Griffiths, a research fellow and co-author of a recent study on the management of information technology, it is difficult to show that IT leads directly to any cost savings over time. "What has tended to happen is that companies, in their efforts to show savings, often measure what is easiest rather than what is most relevant," she says.

"For example, the traditional approach of arguing that technology can cut costs by replacing people is only part of the equation. The same companies that save money on one budget generally increase costs elsewhere."

> This focus on technology has resulted in an emphasis on misguided alliances

Specialist technical support, highly paid IT departments, new learning curves, and management time spent on IT issues are some of the costs that tend to be left out of the calculation.

So why do businesses invest in IT? Ms Griffiths says that the answer is simple need. "Certain businesses cannot operate today on the scale required without IT," she adds. "For them it has become a necessity — every company in the same business requires similar IT in order to compete.

"It does not automatically lead to competitive advantage, it just becomes a competitive disadvantage if the company does not have the right basic technology in place.

"Those companies that succeed with IT are more aware of how it can be used to do things that were previously not possible."

Looking beyond simple cost savings into wider business needs, technology is as vital for companies in a flat economy where more and more goods and services are bought and sold as commodities in a market of finite, if not diminishing customers.

According to research in America, a 2 per cent improvement in the retention rate of existing customers tends to have the same profit impact as a 10 per cent reduction in overheads. Technology can be an excellent tool for both jobs, but cost-cutting tends to be a one-off advantage — short-term gain. Customer retention, however, is a continuing, core benefit.

When you decide to go it alone

Small businesses are faced with a confusion of competing systems

So you have resigned from your day job to go solo. The dining-room table groans under the new desk top computer. Now you have to decide what software is best for your fledgeling business.

For the business starting out from scratch, the first choice is usually between getting an integrated package that will do everything, including word processing, spreadsheets and database, or buying each part separately.

Integrated packages have several advantages for the small business, but most have a few limitations. The main advantage is that a properly integrated package will have a consistent and easily learnt set of commands that will operate in the same way, whether the user is writing letters on the word processor, doing the accounts on the spreadsheet or consulting the database. For a one-person business, this makes being a jack of all trades much easier.

> People often get one so the children can use it

The next advantage is cost — an integrated package will almost certainly cost less than buying all three ingredients individually.

But it is the ability of integrated software to transfer data from one part of the software to another reliably and easily that was the main appeal for Dan Everard, who runs a business from his home in Cambridge.

Mr Everard's main business is designing wheelchairs for small children. "I work at putting wheelchairs under disabled kids at the earliest possible age so they don't learn that they are disabled," he says. He also works from home as an electronic design consultant.

As with any manufacturing business, Mr Everard uses a large database of parts, including supplier and customer lists, all of which he has to access frequently. They are assembled on a spreadsheet and a word processor, and rather than get all the bits separately, Mr Everard plumped for an integrated package.

He uses an Acorn Archimedes computer, an almost unknown choice for companies but quite common for home-business use because of its almost universal presence in schools. People working at home often get one so that the children can use it.

In the more mainstream world of the personal computer, there is a mind-boggling variety of software available that can make any choice doubly difficult.

According to Mike Hamilton, the sales manager of Plus One Software, a software specialist dealer based in Northampton, the choice of integrated software against individual packages is made even more confused for PC users by the advent of Windows.

He says: "Windows is an integrated environment, so you can swap data very easily, and this makes having integrated software less important."

As a result, integrated software is likely to fade away somewhat.

Right now, however, integrated software can offer easily enough power for the small business user at very good prices, Mr Hamilton says.

"You can get a very good basic integrated package running under Windows for under £80," he says.

If you want to go for a more powerful package, however, Microsoft Office now weighs in at £375 and Lotus Smartsuite at £395.

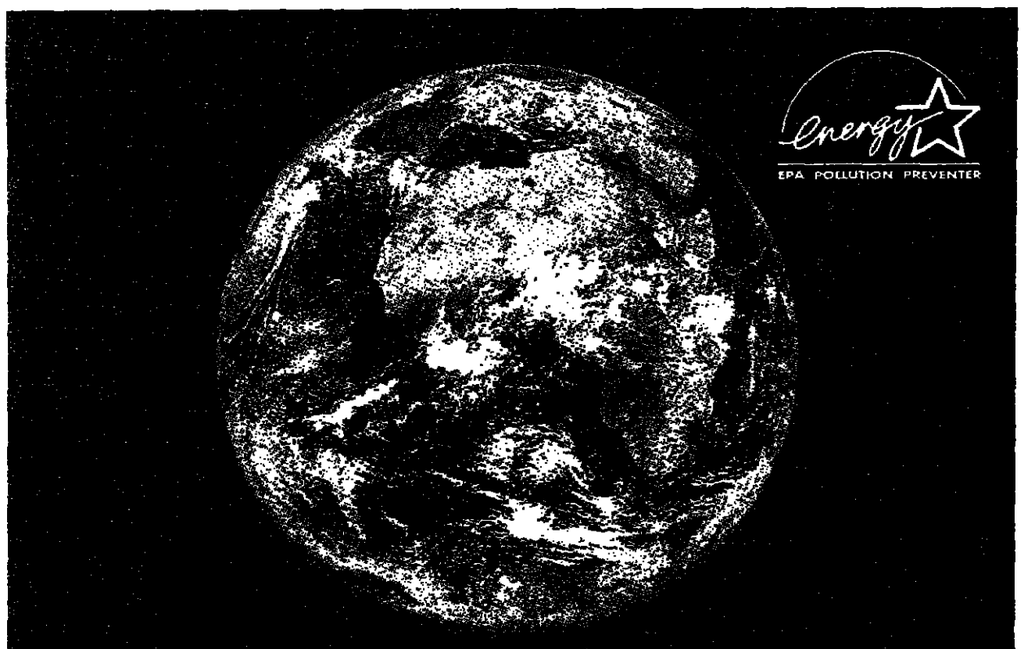
"You have to make a careful assessment of what you really want out of your software before buying to make sure that every part of a package is powerful enough," he adds.

Now is probably the best time for years for small businesses to get into personal computers, he says. There is a price war, and hardware manufacturers are offering the latest integrated software packages bundled in with their products.

"Most personal computers have something like Microsoft Office or Smartsuite bundled in with the hardware," Mr Hamilton says.

"This is not going to continue much longer because their costs are being squeezed. You can get some astonishingly good deals at the moment."

CHRIS PARTRIDGE



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A question for the business user — should I buy or should I wait?

The word is 'sibosiw'

Buying a personal computer for business use is not easy in the fast-changing world of information technology. The rapid pace of development can mean that no sooner has a company offered its new machines than along comes a model that is smaller, lighter, more powerful — and cheaper.

It is little wonder that many would-be business purchasers suffer from a condition known as "sibosiw" — should I buy or should I wait? The problem of deciding which machine to buy has been compounded by the arrival of portable notebook computers as powerful as conventional machines.

Not only do business users no longer have to sacrifice performance when using computers out and about but, as portables take up much less desk space and look nicer than the bulky cathode-ray tubes of full-size personal computers, a market is predicted to be just around the corner, in which portables will be preferred, even when there is little chance they will see much use outside the office.

Before buying for appearance's sake, however, there are some more serious questions to be answered.

As Neil Fawcett, the personal computer editor of *Computer Weekly*, points out, software decisions should always come before hardware.

"If I were buying a computer, I would first look at the software that comes included with it," he says. "Some PCs are sold with business software, such as word processors and spreadsheets, which is worth hundreds of pounds. I would also say shop around."

At the heart of every computer is the chip which controls the PC's operations. Most IBM and compatible PCs use a family of Intel processors known as 286, 386 and 486. The higher the number the more powerful the processor.

Anyone buying a PC today for business use would be well advised to look at a 486 machine. Earlier this year, Intel introduced the more powerful Pentium processor, a 586 in all but name, but its arrival does not mean that 486 PCs are about to become obsolete.

"Pentium probably offers more power than most businesses need," Mr Fawcett says. "It is also being produced in small quantities and is expensive. Pentium is really designed for the high-end business user and I don't think we will see prices fall before the middle of next year."

By then, the wait-and-see set will probably have yet another decision to make. Apple Computer and IBM plan to introduce the Power PC computer early next year that will use a powerful new chip developed by Motorola. This should run both IBM PC and Apple software.

There is more to buying a computer than simply choosing the right microprocessor. You may want to upgrade your machine at a later date, for example, by adding a network card or CD-Rom drive, so it pays to check that any computer has enough "ports" and expansion slots for this purpose.

"Many companies overlook upgrading, but it is the best way of future-proofing your investment, says David Matthews, Dell Computer's product manager. Just as you can never be too rich, so you can never have too much memory when it comes to computing.

Most new PCs now run the Windows operating system, which uses on-screen pictures and menus. Windows software may be easier to use, but it also needs lots of memory. The minimum amount of RAM needed officially being four megabytes, though six or even eight is more practical.

Likewise, you should check that the computer's hard disc is big enough. Not so long ago, a 20-megabyte hard disc was considered sufficient for most users, but a few of today's business programs can easily take up more than 50 megabytes of hard disc space, so machines with at least a 100-megabyte hard disc have become common.

"Don't forget to look at build quality," Mr Fawcett says. "A cheaper machine from a little-known brand name may seem a bargain but have inferior components and break down."

Large manufacturers have finally woken up to the fact that business customers will no longer pay a hefty premium just for a well-known brand.

The result is that basic business personal computers from reputable manufacturers such as a 486 machine with four megabytes of RAM, 100 megabyte hard disc and some software can be obtained for about £1,000.

Christopher Humphrey: "a notebook computer is essential"

If much of a company's work takes place outside the office, it is vital to look at portable computers. A survey of 300 companies by Ovum, a London consultancy, found that portables were being used by 57 per cent of "field workers", such as sales representatives, 41 per cent of support workers, such as maintenance staff, and 40 per cent of professional workers.

Hunter Kane Resource Management, a Bracknell-based consultancy company, has equipped most of its field workers with a portable computer and printer. Christopher Humphrey, a consultant at Hunter Kane, says: "I'm in the office only one day a week, so a notebook computer is an essential tool. A portable enables me to sit down with a client, type out a short report and print it on the spot. It also allows me to work on a train or in a hotel room."

Hunter Kane still uses conventional desktop personal computers in its offices for word processing, accounting and presentation work, but Mr Humphrey believes that the role of the portable computer is changing.

"At present, it is seen as a bit of a luxury item, an add-on to the desktop. But I think these roles are rapidly being reversed because our consultants rely so much on their notebook computers."

But notebook computers do command a price premium over desktop machines, typically between £500 and £1,000. Many machines also have cramped keyboards and their screen displays are not as sharp as ordinary monitors. Every year, however, quality improves and the price gap with desktops narrows.

GEORGE COLE

Communicating in an age of confusion

When hundreds of shops are selling telephones and dozens of companies have competing tariffs, what chance has the customer? Peter Purton reports

When it came to telecommunications, life used to be simple. If you wanted a telephone you bought it from BT. If you wanted a line to connect it to, you bought that from BT, too. If you wanted somebody to service your office telephone system, BT was your somebody. And if you wanted anything a little different — say a mobile phone or an electronic mail service — you still found it at BT.

By the 1990s, all that had changed. Now telephones can be bought in all sorts of colours, shapes and sizes from all sorts of suppliers.

Several sources of telephone lines are now emerging, ranging from Mercury Communications to the power utilities and cable television companies, as well as the mobile telephone companies.

The same applies to all other telecommunications products and services, from radiopagers to satellite down and up links.

But the trouble is that, together with this new age of choice, a new age of confusion is beginning. Nowhere does the confusion threaten to get worse than in the area of tariffs — the prices charged for telecommunications services.

A symbol of this new age of tariff choice is BT's decision not to continue publishing its annual 40-page tariff guide. Pat Borer, BT's manager of telephone pricing, says: "Tariffs change so often now that we would have to publish a new one every couple of months."

BT, for example, now offers eight different tariff packages for its ordinary telephone service, ranging from Supportline, a package aimed at low-volume users with half-price standing charges but higher-usage charges, to Option 2000, which gives large distributed companies discounts of up to 16 per cent on their telephone usage throughout the country.

> 'We are getting two conflicting signals'

Mercury Communications, BT's main rival in the telecommunications market, has a similar line-up of what it calls Frequent Caller Plans. And the rate at which new tariff packages are being announced is accelerating; in the past month alone, British telecommunications carriers have announced five new tariff packages and about as many changes to existing packages.

Thirty-two of the 58 cable television networks now operating in Britain also provide telephone services. Each has its own set of tariffs, ranging from free, off-peak local calls to other cable telephone subscribers to international calls at rates said to cost 15 to 20 per cent less than BT's rates.

"The trend towards more tariffs is inevitable," says Tony Riley, marketing executive at the mobile phone network operator Vodafone. "This is partly because of the pressures of competition and partly because, as the market widens, suppliers will have to respond to its requirements."

His own company, for instance, has moved from having just one uniform set of tariffs a year ago to now having four — two for its established analogue service and two for its new digital service. Each is designed to appeal to different users, from domestic and local businesses to national and international companies. But there are signs that the reaction from customers is far from universally supportive.

Terry Rhodes, the director of tariffing for Mercury Communications, believes that there are two types of customer emerging. "We are getting two conflicting signals — one saying 'customise it for us', the other 'saying make it simpler'," he says.

Sometimes the two messages can come from one source.

Vivienne Peters, the chief executive of the Telecommunications Users' Association, says: "We welcome the increasing choice in telecommunications tariffs. What we do not welcome is the complicated way in which they are being presented."

She believes that complexities in the way the tariffs are presented means that it is virtually impossible to compare like with like and that, as a result, many users are missing out on potential benefits.

Many companies, for example, are finding that the management time taken up reviewing tariffs on a quarterly basis is not worth the effort, she says. The result is that firms review their telecommunications usage once a year. And many smaller users are losing out altogether, she says, because they find it all too much.

Ms Peters and other users want tarriffs to be simpler and, as a first step, she argues that comparisons between what is on offer from different suppliers must be made easier. A prime target is BT's insistence on charging for its calls by a 4.2 pence unit instead of the more obvious per second charge as used by Mercury Communications and the fast-increasing market for cable television companies offering telephone services. Gary Davis, managing director of Nottingham-based Diamond Cable points out that per-unit charging can work out much more expensive than per-second charging — even though tariffs might appear similar.

"One unit gives you about 220 seconds of an off-peak local call," he says. "If you are charged by the unit and your telephone conversation lasts 222 seconds, you can end up paying almost twice as much for the same call charged on a per-second basis."

Ms Peters would like to see a gradual move away from time-based tariffs towards regionally based tariffs. "When you consider the distances involved and the importance of the route, it does not make sense that you can make a call from London to Inverness for just 20 per cent of a call from London to Paris," she notes

BT has already agreed that it will move towards charging on a per-second basis. And Mercury recently rearranged the way it presents its tariffs to make them more easily comparable with those of BT.

But many in the industry believe there has to be a limit to how much things can be simplified. If consumers are to have the pleasure of choice, they will have to endure at least some of the pain of making decisions.

Mr Rhodes draws a comparison with the fall of the Iron Curtain.

"If you brought over an old-style communist to shop in the West End of London, he would have asked how we cope with all that choice. We are just starting to be given a little bit of choice in telecommunications but we have nowhere reached the complexity of the consumer market yet. There is a long way to go."

New business telephone services, such as estate agents being able to show houses from around the world, are on the way

Ian Morton, the business and customer service director of Bristol Water

Should you hand over your computer room?

Outsourcing is an expanding field, as more companies contract out

The ownership of a large computer centre is no longer the status symbol that it used to be among the business community.

Today, many companies hard hit by the recession are devoting their capital expenditure to their core business and are handing over computer centres to third parties.

Outsourcing and facilities management, although not strictly synonymous, are almost identical twins. Both cover the contracting-out of services, particularly the managing of computer and telecommunications facilities, maintenance and development of equipment and the staff costs associated with such operations.

The advantages claimed are better quality of service, cost savings through lower overheads and the recruitment of skilled staff because outsourcing companies can offer better salaries and career prospects for professional computer staff than in-house operations.

Companies as diverse as the hardware manufacturers IBM and Digital Equipment, software houses such as Hoskyns and EDS/Scicon and consultants such as Andersen Consulting are all leading players in the outsourcing market.

According to research carried out by Input, the British outsourcing market will grow at 23 per cent a year over the next five years.

The consultancy distinguishes between "platform operations" — the straight running of a computer on behalf of a customer — and "applications operations", where the outsourcing company takes responsibility for everything, from running the hardware to telecommunications and desktop services.

Input suggests that it is the applications operations sector that will show the greatest level of growth between 1993 and 1998.

The company says: "While platform operations emphasise cost reduction as the rationale for outsourcing information systems functions, applications operations concentrate on demonstrating business value: that is, the increased effectiveness of the information systems contribution to business goals once it is outsourced."

Bristol Water, one of the smaller water authorities that was privatised in the 1980s, took the decision to outsource

> 'We now have no information technology staff at all'

its computer operations to Hoskyns. Ian Morton, the business and customer service director of Bristol Water, explains that the decision was as much strategic as a matter of cost saving.

Like many other organisations, Bristol Water is moving its computer operations to "open systems" — a concept that makes the brand or size of computer used irrelevant and allows a sort of mix-and-match policy under which equipment from different manufacturers efficiently work together.

"One of the advantages of having another company doing our computing", Mr Morton says, "is that they deal with a number of large companies that want to make the move to open system.

"We now have no information technology staff at all. Hoskyns does everything for us. They own all the hardware and software, but we own all the intellectual property rights."

Since outsourcing contracts are often relatively short-term agreements — typically between one and five years — ownership of the copyright of a bespoke program is critical.

Should Bristol Water decide to end its agreement with Hoskyns and move to another outsourcing supplier, the programs written on its behalf can be transferred along with the hardware and the packages.

But some computer specialists offer a note of caution. Bob Aylott, the principal consultant with Nolan and Norton, says that companies could end up paying more for outsourcing than they would for keeping the operation in-house.

He says that the outsourcing companies make the bulk of their money "downstream" — in the years after the initial contract is signed, when they are offering consultancy and other services not included in the original price.

Mr Aylott also advises that outsourcing may be a false economy. "The real cost of running a computer centre has dropped by 9 per cent from 1992 to 1993 and will continue to do so," he says. Thus the savings initially made in the first year of a three-year outsourcing contract may be eroded in subsequent years.

Mr Aylott's advice to companies looking at outsourcing is to make sure that any contract is signed on terms dictated by the customer, not, as he believes is the norm, by the outsourcing supplier.

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How the Vacancies Service works

Recruitment for engineering and technology remains sluggish as universities and colleges struggle to find *suitably-qualified* and enthusiastic candidates. Many institutions are resigned to seeing places unfilled when clearing finishes in one week's time.

The Times Degree Vacancies Service today shows that the *traditional universities* are faring best in the battle to attract applicants. Queen Mary and Westfield College, which is part of London University, has now removed most of its engineering courses from clearing. Edinburgh has no vacancies in engineering or technology. At least four former polytechnics have withdrawn courses from today's listing, outweighing new additions.

All the courses listed on this page still had vacancies yesterday. The codes following each university or college name are those appearing in the UCCA or PCAS handbook for 1993 entry. Where a figure appears in brackets, it gives the institution's estimate of the number of A-level points required for entry.

Points are calculated on the normal UCCA scale, using a maximum of three A-levels. An A grade is worth ten points, B eight, C six, D four and E two.

An A grade at AS-level counts as five points, B four, C three, D two and E one point. Where a university gives no points requirement, it is often willing to consider candidates from outside the conventional academic route, possibly with work experience.

● The *Times* listings are compiled from universities' own returns. Not all institutions are included because some provide information to the admissions bodies and official agencies only.

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AERONAUTICAL ENG
City: H420 (16), H412 (24), H400 (18)
Cranfield (RMCS): H420 (14)
Glasgow: H400 (14) HHK5 (14), *HHL5 (14)*
Manchester: H400 (22), H401 (22), H420 (22)
Salford: H400 (12)

AGRICULTURAL ENG
Cranfield (Silsoe): H330
Newcastle: H330 (12)

BUILDING
Bath: K224
Liverpool: K240
London, UC: K200 (12)
Reading: K220, (14)
Strathclyde: K220 (18)
Ulster: K200 (14), *K202 (12)*

CERAMICS
Leeds: J300 (12)

CHEMICAL ENG
Bath: H800 (20)
Bradford: H890, H893, H894, *H800, H891, H892, H803*
Exeter: H840
Leeds: H800 (18), H862 (12), H8F9 (18), H850 (12)
London, UC: H870 (20), H800 (20), H801 (20), H880 (20), H814 (20), H871 (20), H875 (20)
Newcastle: *H800 (18), H801 (18)*

CIVIL ENGINEERING
Bath: H201 (16)
Bradford: H291 (10), H223 (4)
City: H200 (12), H209 (20), H206 (12)
Cranfield (RMCS): H200 (12)
Dundee: H200 (12), HK22 (12), *HN21 (12)*
Exeter: H201
Glasgow: H200 (12), H2F6 (12)
London, UC: H200 (22), H201 (18)
Manchester: H200 (18), H201 (18), H210 (18)
Salford: H200 (10), H2T2 (10)
Strathclyde: H2T2 (18), H200 (18)
Ulster: H200 (18)
UMIST: H201 (16), H220 (16), H225 (16), H2N8 (16)

ELECTRICAL ELECTRONIC ENG
Bath: H580 (16), H620 (16), HH56 (16)
Birmingham: HH56 (20)
Bradford: HHM6 (10), H695 (12), H696 (10), HH56 (12), H690 (12), H694, H605 (12), H606 (12), H691 (22), H692 (22), *H693 (22), HH59 (12)*
Brunel: HH56 (14), H617 (14), HH5P (14), HH5Q (14), HHM6 (14), HH6N (14), *HH6M (14)*
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Cranfield (RMCS): H600 (14)
Dundee: *HH56 (6)*
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Glasgow: GH5P (14), FH36 (14), *H616 (14), H6F3 (14), HH56 (14)*
Hull: H694 (10), H611 (10), H621 (12), *H631 (12), H651 (12), H6F3 (12), HH36 (12)*
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Kent: H605 (4), H600 (8)
Leeds: H600 (12), H6H5 (12)
Leicester: H580
London, Kings: HH36 (18), HH56 (18), HH57 (18), HH65 (18), H602 (18)
Newcastle: HH56 (8), HHM6 (8), H600 (8), H601 (8)
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Manchester: HH56 (8), HHNP (8), HH5M (8), H580 (8), HHM6 (20) H600 (8), H604 (8), H602 (8), *H601 (8), H611 (8), H605 (8)*, H603 (8), H606 (8), HH35 (18), H7N1 (18)
Reading: H600 (14), H601 (10)
Salford: HH56 (8), H620 (8), H671 (14), H600 (8), H610 (8), H6N1
Strathclyde: *HH53 (22)*, HH56 (16), HH5P (16), HH5Q (16), HH65 (16), HH6M (16)
UMIST: H6R1 (18), HH36 (18)
UEA: H602 (12), H608 (10), H6N1 (12), H605 (20)
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Birmingham: H601 (16)
Dundee: FH36 (6), GHC6 (12), GHM6 (12), H616 (6), H6N1 (6), *HF63 (6), HH56 (6)*
Essex: H600 (12), H601 (12), H605 (22), H630 (8)
London, King's: H602 (18), H610 (18), H611 (18), H621 (18), HH36 (18)
Newcastle: H617 (8), H616 (8)
UMIST: H635 (18)
Ulster: H616 (14), F245 (12), F240 (14)

ENGINEERING
City: Y636 (14)
Dundee: H200 (12), H300 (6), H616 (6), H6N1 (6), HK22 (12), *HN21 (12), HN71 (6)*
Exeter: J120, J100, F605
Leeds: H850 (12), H862 (12), *HH36 (18)*
Leicester: H106 (12), H101 (8), H100
Loughborough: F380
London, Imperial: JF52 (14), JF5F (18)
London, UC: H130
Manchester: H2K1 (18), H2KC (18), J940 (18), J941 (18)
Salford: H6B8 (8)
Strathclyde: H1N1 (18)
Reading: H100 (14), H101 (10)
UMIST: H101 (18)
Ulster: H110

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING
Brunel: H144, H145
Cranfield (Silsoe): H355
Hull: H694 (10)
Leeds: H8F9 (18), H8FX (12), J1F9 (14)
London, Imperial: H255
Newcastle: H255 (12)
Strathclyde: J972 (18)

ENGINEERING AND BUSINESS STUDIES
Bradford: H893, H605 (10), H392 (12)
Dundee: HN71 (6), HN21 (12), H6N1 (6)

GENERAL ENGINEERING
Durham: H100
Exeter: H103
Leicester: H100 (12)
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Cranfield (RMCS): H631 (12), H630 (12), GN51 (10)
Hull: G560, G530, GH56
Kent: H610 (8)
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Salford: G5N1 (14), G5R1 (14), G5R2 (14), G5T4 (14)
UMIST: G560 (16)

MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING
Bradford: H705 (8)
Brunel: H780 (14), H7R1 (14), H7R2 (14), H7N1 (14)
Dundee: HN71 (6)
Hull: H764 (10)
Leeds: H780 (18)
London, Kings: H710 (18)
Loughborough: H780
Manchester: H402 (22), H7N1 (18)
Salford: H700 (8)
Strathclyde: H780 (20), H1N9 (16)
UMIST: H7N1 (24), H716 (20)
Ulster: H780 (14)
Wales, Cardiff: H716 (14)

MARINE ENGINEERING
Glasgow: HJ36 (10)
London, UC: HJ36 (20), J645 (18)
Strathclyde: J610 (20), J600 (20)

MATERIALS, ENG. SCIENCE, TECH
Brunel: J520/J525, J5N1/J5NC, J200/J205
Leeds: J500 (12)
London, Imperial: JF52 (14), JF5F (18)
Manchester: J220 (12)
UMIST: J220 (12), J2B9 (12), J560 (16), J5N1 (16), J5R2 (16), J5R1 (16), J5H6 (18)

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Bradford: H300 (8), H392 (8), H390 (8-12), HH7J (10), HH73 (10), H393 (12), H705 (16), *H706 (16), H303 (4)*
City: H300 (12), H390 (24)
Cranfield (RMCS): H300 (14)
Dundee: H300 (6)
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Dated 15 September 1993
M L McKillop, Liquidator.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986 JACOBS ISLAND COMPANY PLC (In Administrative Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 3.9 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of Jacobs Island Company plc will be held at Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL on the 4th day of October 1993 at 10 o'clock in the morning. The receivers' report will be presented to the meeting and the opportunity given to elect a committee to represent the creditors.
A Creditor will be entitled to vote at the meeting only if details in writing of the debt claimed to be due to him by the company have been given to the administrative receivers at Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL no later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, and the claim has been admitted in accordance with the Insolvency Rules 1986.
Creditors may vote either in person or by proxy and a proxy should be lodged with the administrative receivers if possible before the meeting. A secured creditor is entitled to vote only in respect of the balance (if any) of his debts after deducting the value of his security as estimated by him. Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented or to vote.
Dated the 15th day of September 1993.
M C Batten
Joint Administrative Receiver

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986 JACOBS ISLAND COMPANY (SERVICES) LIMITED (In Administrative Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 3.9 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of Jacobs Island Company (Services) Limited will be held at Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL on the 4th day of October 1993 at 10.30am. The receivers' report will be presented to the meeting and the opportunity given to elect a committee to represent the creditors.
A Creditor will be entitled to vote at the meeting only if details in writing of the debt claimed to be due to him by the company have been given to the administrative receivers at Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL no later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, and the claim has been admitted in accordance with the Insolvency Rules 1986.
Creditors may vote either in person or by proxy and a proxy should be lodged with the administrative receivers if possible before the meeting. A secured creditor is entitled to vote only in respect of the balance (if any) of his debts after deducting the value of his security as estimated by him. Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented or to vote.
Dated the 15th day of September 1993.
M C Batten
Joint Administrative Receiver

RE: THE SANDGATE HOTEL LIMITED (In Administrative Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Unsecured Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at The Sandgate Hotel, Wellington Crescent, The Esplanade, Sandgate, Kent on Thursday the 23rd day of September 1993 at 10.30 a.m. o'clock in the forenoon for the purposes of having laid before it a copy of the Report prepared by the Administrative Receivers under Section 48 of the said Act. The Meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a Creditors Committee to exercise the functions conferred on by, or under the Act.
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(b) there has been lodged with us any Proxy which the Creditor intends to use on his behalf.
Dated this 9th day of September 1993
P.A. Lawrence & C.G. Wiseman
Joint Administrative Receivers
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Dated: 6 September 1993
By Order of The Board
L Denniston, Director.

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P. Eliades,
Administrative Receiver
7th September, 1993.

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J.C. WYLIE, B.Sc.
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GENERAL MANAGER & SECRETARY
Date: 12th August 1993

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Toby Stephens shines as the RSC tackles a long evening of Schiller at the Barbican Pit

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John Mellencamp's new record, though unlikely to be a hit in Britain, is an American classic

GALLERIES: **Richard Cork** reviews a rich but necessarily selective survey of 20th-century American art

States of the art in the States

Trailing angry complaints about all the painters and sculptors it left out, the jumbo-sized survey of **American Art in the 20th Century** has landed with a bursting cargo-hold at the Royal Academy. The Yankee passion for gigantism means that, for the very first time, a major exhibition at Burlington House is shared with the Saatchi Gallery's pristine premises in St John's Wood. Even so, this colossally ambitious venture manages to accommodate only 67 artists from the multitude of potential participants. And the exclusions have offended vested interests, especially among abstractionists associated with the critic Clement Greenberg.

I particularly lament the absence of Morris Louis, Richard Diebenkorn, Robert Smithson and Louise Bourgeois. But brutal choices had to be made by the selectors, Christos Joachimides and Norman Rosenthal. American work, especially from the post-second world war period when New York usurped Paris's position as the centre of the western art world, is greedy for space. Jackson Pollock's *Mural*, the largest painting in the show, is almost 20 feet wide. Adequate room has to be found for such things, and that means ruthless weeding.

It also forces the organisers to think very hard about the perspective they should adopt. Comprehensive story-telling must be replaced by a sharp critical focus, and Joachimides explains that the emphasis here is placed on "American art as a history of innovations". More traditional painters such as Grant Wood and Andrew Wyeth do not, for all their immense popularity, belong in such a history.

Nor do artists who, judged from the vantage of selectors based in Berlin and London respectively, failed to make an impact in Europe. Local heroes have been left at home, and visitors should not expect too many unfamiliar names.

Marsden Hartley, who starts the show with three brilliantly heraldic paintings, is little-known in Britain. But he establishes the survey's Euro-viewpoint from the outset. The young Hartley went to Berlin just before the first world war, met Kandinsky and the Expressionists, and briefly became one of the most audacious artists of his generation.

The greatest surprise of this challenging exhibition occurs in the same room. Marcel Duchamp, usually ranked among the most influential of modern French artists, is here recast as an American. And his inclusion ends up making absolute sense. For he was the most fiercely controversial of all the contributors to the 1913 Armory Show, the notorious survey which introduced New York to European modernism at its most extreme. Duchamp's fame there encouraged him to return, and most of his subsequent career was spent in America. He even became a US citizen in 1954, and his direct but iconoclastic use of ready-made objects proved hugely significant in the development of later American art.

Take the young painters who, in the early 1920s, began producing images uncannily prophetic of Pop Art. When Stuart Davis decided to include a packet of *Lucky Strike* tobacco in his clean-cut still life, he declared an implicit debt to Duchamp and the New York Dadaists. Many American artists are instinctively attracted to the poetry inherent in ordinary objects, and Edward Hopper found unexpected eloquence in even the most humdrum street scenes. His late-night view of a drugstore window, or a melancholy interior of an automat inhabited only by a disconsolate young woman, sum up the impersonal pathos of big-city life.

> 'Emphasis is placed on American art as a history of innovations'

His downbeat mood could hardly be further removed from the optimism of Charles Sheeler, who transformed machine-age factory sites into industrial landscapes as grand as Poussin. But Hopper is by far the greater artist, and his sadness finds an unexpected echo in the little boxes which Joseph Cornell filled with wan clowns, caged birds and even a soap-bubble set, redolent of transience.

Duchamp's subversive spirit presides over Cornell's work in the 1940s, but the time had come for painters with very different aspirations. Alongside an involvement with the everyday, American art has long been fired by sublime, visionary ambitions. Here it surfaces first with Arshile Gorky, whose delicate yet headlong *Waterfall* is one of the loveliest paintings on view. Gorky's darker side is scarcely evident here.

The raw, Dionysian rhythms of Pollock's virile *Mural* seize our attention at once. Charged with references to sperm, animal heads and a frieze of long, loping figures, it is far from abstract. The great undulating ropes of black paint which dominate the composition evoke trees as well, and landscape associations pulse through several of his other paintings.

Sam Francis, Clyfford Still and Franz Kline also summon up sensations of panoramic vastness, but they are all overshadowed by the wall-full of de Koonings. His slashing, sledgehammer brushstrokes can look brutal, especially when they attack standing, wild-eyed women. But there is enormous sensuality in his unfettered mark-making, and the seductive *Door to the River* is the most irresistible landscape in the show.

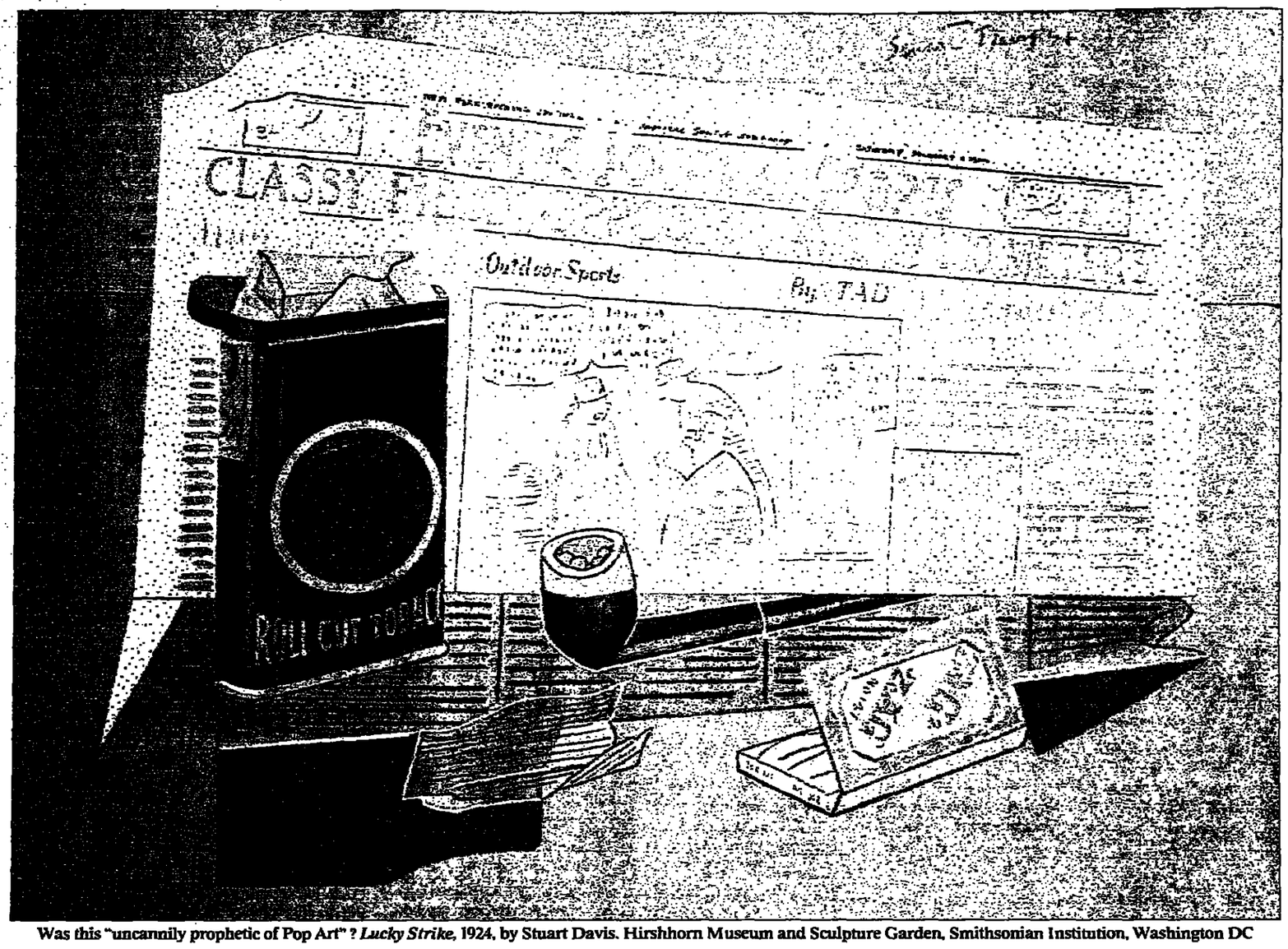
Modern American art triumphed at this time, and the chapel-like space housing Mark Rothko's awesome fields of smouldering colour is a place to revere. If Barnett Newman looks uneasy next to Rothko, and David Smith's sculpture is unfairly snuffed out by the paintings around it, the Abstract Expressionist moment still looks impressive. But it did not hold sway for long. Robert Rauschenberg and Jasper Johns began introducing objects as heretical as a stuffed eagle to pictures smeared with references to everyday urban grime.

Soon afterwards, Pop completed the reaction against Rothko. Andy Warhol, who venerated Duchamp, dared to fill an entire canvas with the banal yet classical, column-like forms of Coke bottles, and Roy Lichtenstein rejoiced in simplifying and enlarging the lines and dots of comic-strip romances and gung-ho combat scenes. All this is fizzily represented, while Claes Oldenburg's grungy food and limp washstands are given the space they deserve.

Having been underplayed in the first half of the show, sculpture at last comes into its own. The room devoted to Minimalism is dominated by the ruthlessly stripped forms of Don Judd and Sol LeWitt, even though Carl Andre's large steel floor-piece is severely compromised by the conspicuous metal grilles which are seen on either side.

The RA instalment terminates with a flourish, giving an ideal amount of room to Dan Flavin's arresting barrier of white, red and blue fluorescent tubes stretching diagonally across the last gallery. An inevitable caesura is created by hiving off the post-1970 work to the Saatchi Gallery, where it looks more like a completely separate show.

But if the sense of continuum is lost, I found that the split occurred at a revealing moment. For American art's once-undisputed dominance has faltered over the past 20 years. Europe regained vitality, forcing New York to realise that it was no longer the Mecca of the avant-garde. Although Philip Guston, James Turrell, Cindy Sherman and Bill Viola provide the Saatchi instalment with powerful moments, other participants compare poorly with American art in its heyday. The heroic days are over, and the most exciting art is now just as likely to be found in cities far removed from the might of Manhattan.



Was this "uncannily prophetic of Pop Art"? *Lucky Strike*, 1924, by Stuart Davis. Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Smithsonian Institution, Washington DC

● American Art in the 20th Century *at the Royal Academy of Arts (071-439 7438) and the Saatchi Gallery (071-624 8299), 10am - 6pm daily until December 12. Sponsored by Merrill Lynch and the Daily Telegraph*

Homage in her hometown

MARLENE Dietrich, the screen goddess, is to have her own permanent shrine. The late star's personal effects — 100,000 items, including diaries, costumes, photographs and props — have been bought for an undisclosed sum by her hometown, Berlin, and are to be displayed in a museum of the moving image opening there in 1998. Negotiations took place over a year between Peter Riva, the star's grandson, and John Block of Sotheby's New York.

The irony is that some Germans of the day denounced Dietrich when she sought US citizenship in 1944, and called her a "base and dirty traitor" when she returned for the first time in 1960.

● AMERICAN museums look set for a golden period of renewed expansion following a dramatic turn-around by their tax men. For years they were the envy of their UK counterparts because of a scheme whereby collectors were encouraged to become benefactors by placing future gifts against tax. Since the Tax Reform Act of 1986 the arrangement has been subject to stops and starts.

According to one report, the National Gallery of Art in Washington had a 60 per cent drop in gifts during one "deductibility blackout" and a ten-fold increase during the "brief resurrection" of 1991. The new federal budget has restored full deductibility for gifts of art to museums, and the arrangement looks set to stay. Some say the move could fuel a new art market boom.

ART MARKET DIARY

Marlene Dietrich: her possessions go on show

Country life

WHO said country houses were drying up as a source for auction goods? Christie's have just announced five such sales between now and November. Venues include Myles Place in Wiltshire, whose chairs by Chippendale and pictures by Edward Lear are being sold. At Moyns Park in Essex, Lord Ivar Mountbatten hopes to raise at least £300,000 from surplus-to-requirements paintings (which include a John Frederick Herring), porcelain and furniture.

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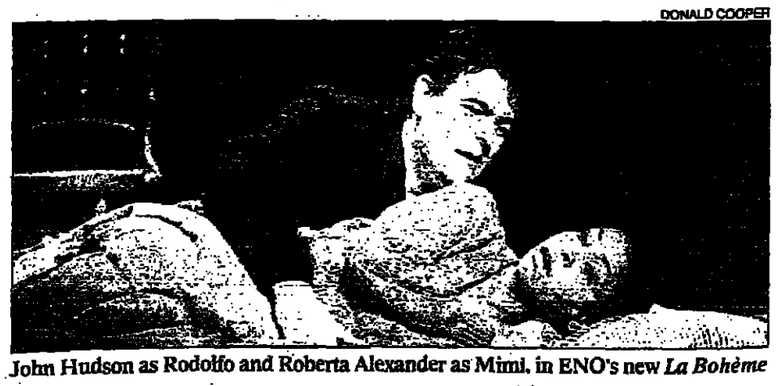

John Hudson as Rodolfo and Roberta Alexander as Mimi, in ENO's new *La Bohème*

THE *Bohème* that has opened at the Coliseum is the first new production of the Dennis Marks-Sian Edwards regime at English National Opera. If it is a sign of things to come as far as stage style is concerned, it could scarcely be more encouraging. Simply as a mise-en-scène Steven Pimlott's handling of this hardiest of perennials is stimulatingly fresh, inventive and in the broadest sense true — true to Murger, true to Puccini, true to the characters portrayed.

The action is updated to the second half of the 20th century, but soberly, not in a buttonholing nudge-and-wink fashion. The opera is played without intervals, and gains significantly in concentration. Suddenly *Bohème* seems as serious as Janaček, an impression strengthened both by the decor of Tobias Hoheisel, who was responsible for the unforgettable *Jenufa* at Glyndebourne, and by the fact that Janaček's works are frequently played straight through.

Continuous action means a permanent set. To say that Hoheisel's solution presents a clearly defined interior and exterior — an attic on the top floor of a townhouse recently vacated by some ministry (telltale striplighting), the exterior as dank and rubbish-strewn as the streets around the Coliseum itself — makes it sound prosaic. But that would fail to take into account the stark theatricality of Hugh Vanstone's superb lighting, which defines the acting areas with eloquent clarity.

Especially poetic is the use of a space upstage of the attic, a Mimi space maybe or, since Musetta also uses it, a space dedicated to womankind. Glowing with indigo light, its spare mysterious incursions into the main action both tease and ravish the senses.

Within this helpful decor

La Bohème
Coliseum

Pimlott's direction eschews slavish naturalism and concentrates on deeper truths. Yes, the Bohemians are lovable, but their inadequacies, especially in their relationships with women, are mercilessly highlighted. The way Musetta exits at the final curtain, candle in hand, through that enigmatic indigo door, instead of settling for the traditional reconciliation with Marcello, compounds the tragedy. Pimlott's is a notably adult treatment of the work.

So far so good. But if the evening is a sign of things to come, then there is one burgeoning problem that the new regime must address immediately. The opera was sung in a new translation by Jeremy Sams. About 10 per cent of it was audible. This was due in part to the barrage of sound from the pit (if dynamics were reduced by a third, we would be getting somewhere) and in part to the fact that most of the cast simply weren't singing words. They must be made to. It is infuriating to hear only the odd line in an aria, to be unable to follow a conversation through. It negates the very reason for ENO's existence.

As far as one could tell, Sams's version is sensitive and rumbustious in equal proportions. He is not averse to rewriting lines to make sharper sense of them to a modern audience; witness his extremely free reading of the Act IV high jinks (a game of charades instead of the usual rather embarrassing dance routine).

Best in the communications stakes were Andrew Slater (Colline), Donald Adams (a hilarious *Rising Damp* landlord) and Christopher Booth-Jones (Schaunard). Roberta Alexander, an appealing artist, was not in easiest voice as Mimi; she and Cheryl Barker (a tough Musetta) earned beta-minus for words. John Hudson (too soft-grained for Rodolfo, but he is young yet) and Jason Howard (Marcello) earn a gamma minus.

Balance problems aside, Sian Edwards's account of the score was persuasively paced and only occasionally lapsed into swoony romanticism at the expense of the pain and truth so evident in Pimlott's production.

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WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Marit Hargie

LONDON

INADMISSIBLE EVIDENCE: Strong central performance by Trevor Eve as the disintegrating solicitor in Osborne's gripping play
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, 7.30pm, tomorrow, 2.15pm and 7.30pm 180mins

LAND OF THE LIVING: Two sisters look back on their lives in David Spencer's new play. Sue Dunderdale directs
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 2554). Tonight, 7.30pm, tomorrow, 3.30pm, 7.30pm.

ELLA FITZGERALD BIRTHDAY TRIBUTE: Elaine Delmar, Rosemary Squires and Barbara Jay accompanied by The Tommy Whittle Quartet pay tribute to the doyenne of jazz who was born 75 years ago.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800). Tomorrow 7.45pm

ROYAL OPERA: The season continues tonight with Richard Gregson's new staging of Puccini's **Madam Butterfly,** using designs by Sophie Fedorovitch which have not been seen at Covent Garden for a decade. Diana Soviero sings the title role. Neil Schicoff is Pinkerton; Carlo Rizzi conducts. Tomorrow there is an opportunity to see **L'Italiana in Algieri,** Jean-Pierre Ponnelle's sparkling production of Rossini's delightful comedy. Marilyn Horne, Bruce Ford, Alessandro Corbelli and Ruggero Raimondi are among the impressive cast for this revival.
Madam Butterfly, tonight, 7.30pm, **L'Italiana in Algieri,** tomorrow, 7pm **Royal Opera House,** Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066/1911).

ELSEWHERE

LEEDS: Phelim McDermott brings his comic expertise to **The Servant of Two Masters,** later going to Venice and Rome for the Goldoni Bicentenary Festival
Quarry Theatre, West Yorkshire Playhouse (0532-442111). Previews tonight, 7.30pm, opens tomorrow, 8pm, Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 3pm and 8pm.

LOVE OF THREE ORANGES: Also in Leeds this weekend is Richard Jones's highly entertaining scratch'n'sniff production of Prokofiev's exuberant fantasy. Stunningly designed by the Brothers Quay it returns once more to Opera North with a cast including Maria Moll, Andrew Shore, Jonathan Best and Richard Angas. Wyn Davies conducts.
Grand Theatre, 46 New Briggate (0532 459351/440971). Previews tomorrow, 6pm.

CARDIFF: Donizetti's masterpiece of bel canto tragedy, **Lucia di Lammermoor,** opens the season at Welsh National Opera. Janice Watson sings Scott's doomed heroine; Martin Thompson is Edgardo. Julian Smith conducts. The director is Rennie Wright.
New Theatre, Park Place (0222 394844). Tonight, 7.15pm.

GLASGOW: In a weekend dominated by opera, Scottish Opera opens its season with **I due Foscari,** Verdi's melodic and dramatic work in a new production by Howard Davies. Richard Armstrong conducts
Theatre Royal, Hope Street (041-332 9000). Tomorrow, 7.15pm

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

■ **CAROUSEL:** The National's smash-hit version of the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical has arrived in the West End. Michael Hayden and Joanna Riding still head the cast.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 165mins

◪ **CITY OF ANGELS:** Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins

◪ **CRAZY FOR YOU:** Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical Girl Crazy
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Tue-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

□ **HAIR:** The Age of Aquarius dawns again. Another Sixties revival. Michael Bogdanov directs.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Fri, Sat, 4pm. 180mins

□ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS:** Stephen Daldry's marvellously re-imagined version of Priestley's social thriller.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 5pm and 8.15pm, mat Wed, 2.30pm.

□ **LYSISTRATA:** Geraldine James inspires the women of Athens to deny their men the joys of sex.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 6pm

□ **MURMURING JUDGES:** Second play, concerning the law, of David Hare's trilogy, joins Racing Demon (church) in the repertoire. The Absence of War (politics) to follow.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071 928 2252). Previews tonight-Sat, 7.15pm. Opens October 2, 2.30pm as middle part of all-day performance of the trilogy.

□ **MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING:** Mark Rylance and Janet McTeer star in a funny and friendly production.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 165mins.

□ **OLEANNA:** Power, politics and punishment at an American university. Great performances by David Suchet and Lia Williams in Pinter's production of Mamet
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

□ **RACING DEMON:** Revival of David Hare's bracing drama on the modern Church of England
National Theatre (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928-2252). Previews tomorrow, 2pm.

THE SEAGULL: Paul Shelley's attractive production of Chekov in a translation by Michael Frayn.
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (081 940 3633). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 2.30pm and Sat 4pm. 180mins.

□ **A SLICE OF SATURDAY NIGHT:** Dennis Waterman plays the seen-it-all, done-it-all bouncer in the Heather Brothers' musical pastiche of life and songs in the 1960s.
Strand Theatre, Strand, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Fri, Sat, 4pm.

■ **SUNSET BOULEVARD:** Triumph for Patti Lupone as the faded star in Lloyd Webber's success.
Adelphi Theatre, Strand, WC2 (071-344 0055). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sats, 3pm.

■ **SWEENEY TODD:** Declan Donnellan's superb staging of Sondheim's subtle, savage musical.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, 7.30pm, tomorrow, 2pm, 7.30pm. 180mins.

□ **TIME OF MY LIFE:** One of Ayckbourn's best family plays. Starring Anton Rodgers and Gwen Taylor.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Weds 2.30pm, Sats 4pm

□ **TRAVESTIES:** Tom Stoppard's dazzling word-spinner revived with Antony Sher as the aged consul remembering Lenin, Joyce and Dada in 1917 Zurich. Adrian Noble directs.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm, tomorrow, 2pm and 7.15pm. Then in repertoire.

□ **WALLENSTEIN:** Tim Albery's directing debut for the RSC in Schiller's mighty drama about power's capacity to corrupt. Ken Bones plays the great general.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071 638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm, tomorrow, 2pm and 7.15pm.

LONG RUNNERS: □ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) ◪ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ◪ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) □ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) **Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ◪ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat:** Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ◪ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) ... ◪ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... □ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... □ **On The Piste:** Garrick (071-494 5085) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◪ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... □ **Travels With My Aunt:** Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... □ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

ACCION MUTANTE (18): Disabled terrorists kidnap bread tycoon heiress. Largely lamentable Spanish spoof, directed by Alex de la Iglesia.
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THEATRE: A condensed classic, a classic musical and an import from Edinburgh

Thirty years of campaigning

Wallenstein
Barbican Pit

FROM the moment we enter that black hole, the Pit, it is evident that the Royal Shakespeare Company is not in one of its festive, carefree moods. The sloping white walls, the skylight through which light thinly plays, the spindly institutional chairs, the grey carpet, the vast black-and-white map perched upon it, combine to give the theatre the look of an attic classroom in some more than averagely drear comprehensive school. What are we in for, a lesson in geography, or history, or politics?

A bit of them all, as it turns out. Schiller's *Wallenstein* is widely regarded as his masterpiece, and, thanks to the intensity of Tim Albery's cast, there are moments when we see why. But there are also times when we could be forgiven for feeling about the play rather the way a German might feel about the more onerous scenes in *King John* or *Henry VI Part Two*. The Thirty Years War in blank verse, and sometimes sub-Shakespearean blank verse, can seem rather a slog.

Albery has himself efficiently reduced the second and third parts of Schiller's original trilogy into one, three-and-a-quarter-hour, evening. This explains why we are instantly plunged into the protagonist's troubles rather than his triumphs. Wallenstein, a brilliant and charismatic general, is at odds with Ferdinand, the Hapsburg emperor whose cause he has championed; and all around him there is deceit and intrigue.

One of the factions seeks to widen the gulf by tricking his colonels and captains into signing a pledge of loyalty to Wallenstein alone. Meanwhile, the sly, ambitious Piccolomini performs some even more devious wizardry on the emperor's behalf, and the play ends, inevitably, in tragedy.

Ken Bones, though not exactly a glistening Phaeton, makes a gritty, doughty Wallenstein and, I think rightly, leaves the character's motives interestingly unclear. Perhaps he is a man of genuine vision. Perhaps he hopes to create a pan-European peace by chumming up to the Catholic Ferdinand's Protestant foes. But perhaps he ends by succumbing to the moral shabbiness he despises.

And there can be little doubt what Schiller thinks of Wallenstein's belief that he is a Bohemian Caesar, chosen by destiny to make the world kowtow. In the Romantic period a chap who could refuse his daughter the husband she wants, with a snort of "I look to find my son-in-law on one of Europe's thrones," was not an altogether good chap.

As a study of the psychology of greatness and of politics in action, the play certainly has its impressively cynical moments. That it also grows in tension as it proceeds owes much to the concentrated skills of several fine performers: Philip Voss, our Piccolomini, who really ought to consider suing the RSC for casting him in yet another sinister, slippery role; Barbara Jefford, the power behind Wallenstein's putative throne; and Toby Stephens, who brings surprising force and danger to the role of a young Romantic hero, beset by trimmers and rogues.

Watch out, incidentally, for the last of these names. He is potentially very good indeed.

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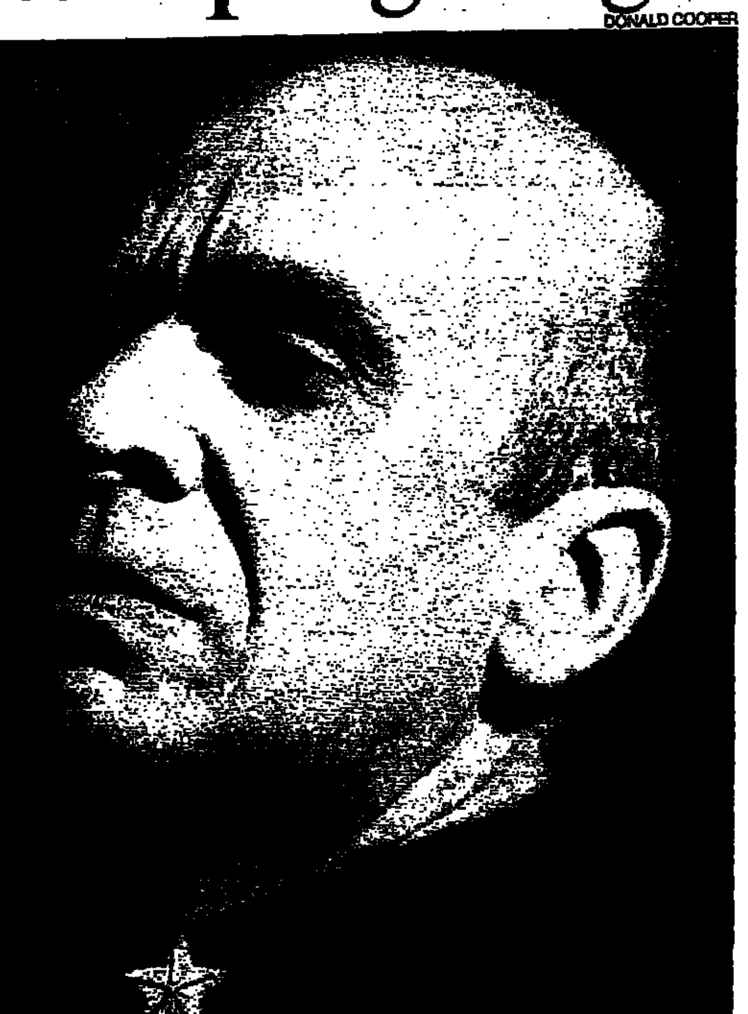

Ken Bones: "a gritty, doughty Wallenstein" whose motives are unclear

Handsome sets, fine songs, strange show

Carousel
Shaftesbury

THE musical that Rodgers and Hammerstein wrote to follow *Oklahoma!* packed the Lyttelton Theatre earlier this year and will surely do the same here, thereby giving many tune-loving people some moderately innocent pleasure. The music is charming, and while Hammerstein does manage to slip in his usual reference to a golden sun, together with the sweet silver song of a lark, he also wrote, in "If I Loved You", a delicate double-portrait of two shy lovers.

The sentiment is convincing, even though the boy is required to repeat the girl's verses word for word. The scene is winningly sung by Michael Hayden, as Billy Bigelow, handsome but weak-willed, and Joanna Riding's Julie, lovely and loyal.

Loyalty endures even when he hits her because, as she explains, "it's possible for someone to hit you hard and it not hurt at all". With a rotten notion like that, *Carousel* is one show that will not be playing at the politically-correct university in *Oleanna*.

Stabbing himself after failing to stab the local mill-owner, Billy goes up to the "backyard of Heaven" where a Quaker in a blue robe allows him one day back on earth. Just in time, too, because the daughter he never saw is now 15 and following in mother's footsteps by falling for the man who works the carousel. Billy tells her to heed the wise words of the speaker at her graduation and everyone lines up to assure us that if we hold our heads up high we'll never walk alone.

This denouement is dreadful, but there has been a fair amount of good stuff on the way to it. However, I was disappointed by some of the choreography — Kenneth MacMillan's last work. He comes up with no good new ideas for marshalling hyperactive chorus boys and girls about the stage, so that the hornpiping in "June is Bustin' Out All Over" threatens to go on for ever, while conveying nothing fresh after the first few steps.

The biggest star in Nicholas Hytner's lavish production is Bob Crowley's constantly inventive set design: pretty clapboard churches perch on comfortingly curving hills; a carousel floats down and opens out like an umbrella; horses, boats and exhausted girls go round and round on the revolve.

Furthermore, there are the well-known songs, tuneful and literate, even if the view of life they project is one where the women are gutless and the men are gutted. As Julie's friend Carrie, Katrina Murphy is vivacious. But her "Mr Snow" is black, and though Clive Rowe is strong in voice and brings touches of welcome comedy, the very idea of a black and white marriage in 1900 New England with nobody so much as alluding to it is bizarre. Perhaps it is meant as a joke.

JEREMY KINGSTON

But not at all steamy

Anorak of Fire
Arts

WHO would have thought that the first show to transfer from this year's Edinburgh Festival to central London would be a one-man play about a trainspotter? I was nine or ten years old when I roamed King's Cross, jotting down the names and numbers of sleek puffers. Gus Gascoigne, the hero of *Anorak of Fire*, is well into his twenties and inexplicably enraptured by diesels: so maybe he deserves the gentle drubbing that Stephen Dinsdale and James Holmes give him.

Dinsdale provides a 65-minute text that somehow contrives to prevent a terminus bore from becoming terminally boring. In that, he is much helped by the moon-faced, bespectacled Holmes. He clambers off his camp-stool, puts aside his thermos, and proceeds to introduce us to the fanaticism that, he claims, hit him while he was still in his pram. "Crewe station to a spotter is like Monte Carlo to James Bond," he informs us, going on excitedly to descibe the night he saw two "special units" pulling wagons filled with nuclear waste: "It is etched on my memory like losing my virginity would be if I had lost it."

Gus's virginity is the evening's main comic issue. It is menaced first by the local priest, a soi-disant trainspotter who seems never to spot trains, and then by a girl called Jackie, who lures him to a new surveillance post and strips naked. For a moment Gus succumbs, but unluckily misinterprets her heavy breathing for a loco he has been waiting months to see. Up he leaps with his trusty notebook, and the chance of rapture is lost forever. As he says, "few trainspotters have what you could call an active relationship with the opposite sex."

Not that this worries him. The anorak he inherited from ace-spotter Jim O'Rourke ("yes, *the* Jim O'Rourke") is always over his shoulders. As he triumphantly declares, "marriages fail, the birthrate is falling, but spotting is on the increase". In a sad, bad world, could there be a more innocent madness?

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Curve go up as well as down

Toni Halliday and Dean Garcia are making an increasingly big noise. **Caitlin Moran** reports

For a while, Dean Garcia was the biggest threat to Toni Halliday's life. By breaking up their band State of Play, he left her on the dole, and trying to give up music. But she couldn't. So she and Alan Moulder, her producer boyfriend, would creep into studios during "dead time" — after midnight — and, because they were too poor to afford tape, they'd take other bands' reel-to-reel demos, snip off the ends, splice them together and record on them until eight in the morning.

Meanwhile, Garcia was travelling around Europe with his wife, Julie, still thinking of Halliday, wondering why he couldn't get her out of his head, wondering if they could make music together again.

When the Garcias returned to England they had no home. So he rang Halliday, and she invited them to stay at the house she shared with Moulder for four months until he got back on his feet again. And, in the drunken hours *between midnight and the sun* staggering back on to the horizon, Curve were born.

"We sent out white labels [non-commercial pressings of the debut EP 'Blindfold'] to the music press," Halliday says. "We didn't want our past being dragged in — we just wanted the music to speak for *itself*." "*To scream for itself*," Garcia says.

That was in the spring of 1991, and in the few short months that followed Curve were on the cover, it seemed, of every hip magazine. Halliday's charcoal-socketed gaze could be seen glowering from a million posters, and within four weeks of first mention of them appearing in the press, Curve were on television. *Doppelganger*, their debut album, went straight into the Top Ten.

A hundred thousand words have been carelessly chucked around in the attempt to describe Curve's music. But if *Doppelganger* was a postcard from the edge, then their new album *Cuckoo* is a veritable *novel* from the edge. Halliday's voice sounds like Kate Bush captured in ice; *every syllable comes out like* she's smoking a bunch of cigarettes after pillaging a city and rearranging the demographics with an AK 47. Smooth as barbed wire, she lisps over tracks of hate and retribution, while Garcia scrubs his fingers into bloody pulp in the background, *wringing whines and moans* from a flotilla of guitars and effects pedals.

> 'It's all our little internal demons running around. We're quite screwed up'

"The sound is intense, because we're intense," Garcia says. "It's all our little internal demons running around, jumping about. We're quite screwed up."

"Oh, screwed up is such a big statement," Halliday counters. "We're screwed up in certain areas. I still resent having to be responsible for business. I resent having to go shopping. I can't get my head together to do normal boring things. I ignore all that stuff. As a result, the taxman is probably going to *remove my* hands tomorrow morning."

Both Halliday and Garcia had disrupted childhoods. Halliday's family were travelling around the world in a boat until her father abandoned the family in the Mediterranean, leaving Mrs Halliday to get the 11-year-old Toni and her two siblings back to Leeds. Toni has placed notices in papers, made appeals, but still has not heard from her father.

Garcia's father left when Dean was even younger. He's also found out that his mother had originally been pregnant with twins, and tried to have an abortion. His twin was removed, but Dean clung on. His mother took that as a sign, abandoned the abortion, and continued her pregnancy.

To add to these tangles and frayed strings of emotion, Halliday also broke up with her Moulder, at the beginning of this year. This threw Curve's future into question, as Moulder had produced all their records, and she was so devastated by the split that Curve were put on hold while she got away.

She went back north, tried to work out why things had gone wrong. Some of the blacker songs on *Cuckoo* seem to have come from this time, when Halliday spent all her time walking around in her head, putting *this* emotion into *this* place and *that* feeling *there*. She seems to be replaying conversations and arguments in her lyrics: "You told me I was nothing at all, and I believed you."

However, there is a marvellous, *Hello!*-style happy ending. The two are back together again. *Cuckoo*, filled with the love and hate of the past year, *is out now, and Halliday and* Garcia feel much happier than they did last September. She has learnt to love her voice, no longer drowning that malevolent gasp in echoes and effects. And Garcia says that the marvellous bald fist of sound that is the Curve trademark has often been their downfall. So a rigorous weeding-out session was held during the recording of *Cuckoo*, allowing all those eye-popping Curve sounds on to the shortlist, but only if they had a song attached to them. "We had another album's worth of stuff we threw away," Halliday says. "We decided that this album had to sound *the best*."

"All the records we love sound like the most extreme, the most perfect thing ever," Garcia adds. "*They sound like* little apocalypses. And that's what we wanted *Cuckoo* to sound like. A little apocalypse."

● Cuckoo *is out now on Anxious Records. Curve tour next month.*

Don't be misled by the pin-up image; the music Toni Halliday and Dean Garcia make is as troubling as anything the darkest imagination can provide

CONCERT

Such sweet sorrow

Grant Lee Buffalo
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THERE IS not much that can be done these days with a guitar, bass and drums that has not been done a million times before. But in the first of three London shows, Grant Lee Buffalo, an unusually characterful trio from Los Angeles, demonstrated new ways of deploying the irreducible rock group line-up — with sensational results.

The band is ostensibly a vehicle for singer, guitarist and songwriter Grant Lee Phillips. *Fuzzy*, their debut album, released earlier this year, was notable for its acoustic, dustbowl sound and tough, yet languid delivery.

But if they played the songs slowly in the recording studio, then they played them even slower on stage, while adding a ferocious wallop that belied the fact that Phillips was playing a 12-string acoustic guitar throughout.

An instrument more commonly associated with performers such as Peter, Paul and Mary, the big-bodied guitar became, in Phillips's hands, a hefty tool of exquisite variety. Sometimes playing it straight, at others booting it through various massively amplified effects pedals, he produced a range of sounds stretching from delicately picked arpeggios to loud, stinging solos dissolving into torrents of noise.

A stocky character with the intense, baby-face looks of a movie psychopath, Phillips also sang in an emotional, weathered drawl. But far from being a one-man show, the band's uniquely rugged sound also depended on the energetic ingenuity of bass player and backing singer Paul Kimble and drummer Joey Peters, who made use of brushes, mallets and sticks to create thunderous tom-tom tattoos, vaguely redolent, on numbers like "America Snoring", of a herd of buffalo on the move.

Between them, Kimble and Peters provided an irresistible rhythmic undertow to a succession of songs taken at such a slow pace as to have sounded leaden in less capable hands. "The Hook", "Jupiter And *Teardrop*" *and the epic* "Fuzzy" were all tackled in this way, each gilded with opaque, poetic words and melodies of eerie, spine-tingling grace.

There were faster songs ("Wish You Well", "The Shining Hour") and one or two with a slightly funky feel, but the tone was unremittingly, dark and intriguingly moody. They overplayed their hand by returning for two unnecessary encores that added nothing to what had gone before. But otherwise, it was a supremely powerful show.

DAVID SINCLAIR

NEW RELEASES: An old rocker won't ever let you down

Wheels of fire and fury

JOHN MELLENCAMP
Human Wheels
(Mercury 518 088)

WHILE some aging rock stars have tried installing a Dorian Gray-style portrait in the attic, John Mellencamp has provided for the onset of middle age by storing a knot of righteous anger deep in a corner of his heart. How else, on a song called "Junior", could a millionaire singer stare so convincingly through the eyes of a sad young punk?

Like so many of the numbers on *Human Wheels*, "Junior" is a story that digs down to the core of the human condition, a place where there is rough stuff wrapped around little seeds of hope. The gloriously moody riff, sculpted from acoustic and electric guitars, is not so much heavy as wound up against the beat tight enough to hurt.

Behind Mellencamp, a wealth of instrumental textures — violin, mandolin, accordion, harmonica and a small arsenal of percussive effects wielded by Kenny Aronoff — lend colour and a distinctive country-boy tang to the arrangements but without complicating the basic, guitar-driven thrust of the songs.

The ten numbers, all new, are book-ended by "When Jesus Left Birmingham" and "To The River", both lyrics which lend a broadly spiritual dimension to the album. And whether it be the chirpy strut of "Beige To Beige", with its rootsy accordion riff, or the grimy push and shove of "What If I Came Knocking", there is a mood of urgent, passionate enquiry running through the collection.

Here, then, is an album that takes on all-comers — from blue-collar heavyweights like Bruce Springsteen and Neil Young to the new breed of country-influenced rockers such as Uncle Tupelo and Buffalo Tom — and gives them a run for their money.

If, over the years, Mellencamp had ever bestirred himself to work the British market in the way that his contemporaries like Tom Petty have done, *Human Wheels* would surely be a huge hit. It remains a classic.

Moody John Mellencamp

PRINCE
The Hits Volume 1
(Paisley Park/Warner Bros. 9362-45431)
The Hits Volume 2
(Paisley Park/Warner Bros. 9362-45435)
The Hits / The B-Sides
(Paisley Park/Warner Bros. 9362-45440)

A RESTLESS and profligate talent, Prince ascribes to the philosophy, according to the liner notes for *The Hits / The B-Sides*, that music should be "written and performed for the moment and, like a newspaper, should be available while it's relevant". Fair enough but, welcome and overdue as these retrospectives are, they do point to the peculiarly timelocked quality of a lot of his recordings.

Prince's problem is that he is too busy being a multi-faceted genius to pay much attention to detail. Finishing off a song, once the initial rush of enthusiasm has been captured, is not an activity to which he is prepared to devote a great deal of time.

In hindsight some of the synth-and-drum-machine productions — "Controversy", "Delirious", even "Little Red Corvette" — now seem uncomfortably tame. His own recordings of "I Feel For You" and "Nothing Compares 2 U" sound especially weedy by comparison to the more celebrated versions by Chaka Khan and Sinead O'Connor. And the third disc of the three-disc package *The Hits / The B-Sides*, which is given over to a motley collection of substandard rarities, exposes his lack of a self-edit facility.

But complaints seem churlish when faced with the catalogue of casual brilliance on display on the first two discs. *Volume 1* starts with "When Doves Cry" and *Volume 2* ends with "Purple Rain". The rest of his mountainous legacy is piled up in no particular order in between, although it is *Volume 2* — with "Kiss", "If I Was Your Girlfriend" and two sharp new songs, "Peach" and "Pope" — which just has the edge.

IGGY POP
American Caesar
(Virgin CDVUS64)

WITH his bare chest as pale and veined as a chunk of marble, and his fearfully lined face now resembling a Halloween mask, Iggy Pop glowers from the cover of *American Caesar* above the priceless slogan "Parental Warning: This is an Iggy Pop record".

In days gone by, the cautionary advice could usefully have been extended to anyone with ears. Some of his loopier outpourings were all but unlistenable. But since emerging from the doldrums of the early 1980s, the quality of Pop's albums has maintained a steady upward curve.

Here he scales improbable new heights with his best album since 1977's *Lust For Life*, and perhaps the most fully realised work of his entire career. For, as well as the usual punk madman pose, evoked with splendid passion on "Plastic & Concrete" and "Sickness", Pop's intellect, wit and descriptive flair — either suppressed or grimly distorted for so many years — are also fully engaged on "Girls of N.Y.", the acoustic "Social Life" and others.

There are many fine moments in a marathon set. Some of the 17 songs are tossed out with sketchy, skimpy arrangements — "Highway Song", for example — others elevated to a kind of full-blown, post-grunge rock ("Boogie Boy", "Wild America"). The award for most off-the-wall cut goes to "Caesar", which finds Pop reciting his words against a weird nightmare of a backing track.

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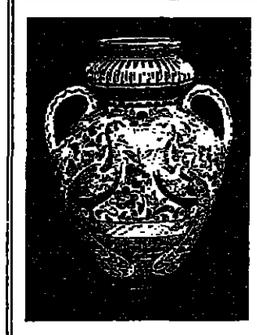

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NEW WAVES

The insider's guide to the Next Big Thing

Ticket to ride

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At least five years ago, I was sent on the ultimate 1980s assignment by *Elle* magazine. This entailed the interviewing (conducted, almost as an afterthought, as stylists and fashion editors buzzed and twittered and cosmetics were applied) of a duo named Oldland. Montano, two charming women who had met on the top of a bus.

Their immediate futures were doomed by good fortune, as fulsome features in glossy magazines were ignored by a sceptical public.

Many late 1980s acts failed to survive a shift of opinion as the cool pose of so-called style culture was buried in a glorious tidal wave of scruffy clothes, noisy music and uncool drugs. Wisely, **Misty Oldland**, half of that defunct duo, has kept her head down by writing songs and working on other projects. Perhaps she was waiting for a context that was genuine rather than contrived.

Her first single, "Got Me A Feeling", has a low-budget, no-frills appeal typical of the new wave of British underground soul. Initially released in a limited edition by Boogie Back records but now due for reissue, aided by the muscle of Columbia, this is the kind of music that owes a huge debt to Loose Ends, the London band that gave credibility to British funk back in the days when the dominance of American artists seemed unshakable.

Omar sings backing vocals, an electric piano sound provides that essential 1970s flavour, and Oldland glides over the lyric with a seductive *gentleness that recalls near*-forgotten vocalists such as Syreeta and the late Minnie Ripperton. Currently recording an album at the aptly named Moody Studios, Oldland's second chapter already promises to be more substantial than her first.

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Yankees prosper as Mets pitched into turmoil

Stuart Jones studies the differing characters of two players in New York's baseball teams that epitomises their sides' fortunes

NEW York is riding a baseball rollercoaster. One team, the Yankees, are up high and the other, the Mets, are the lowest in the whole nation. The difference in their fortunes was recently exposed by a player in each team.

The Yankee is an all-American inspirational figure. Jim Abbott was chosen to be the pitcher for the United States in the decisive game of the final of the 1988 Olympic Games. After the 5-3 defeat of Japan, he was nominated as baseball's Olympic athlete of the year.

That in itself is, as they say here, no big deal. But Abbott was born without a right hand. That he should be pitching at all, let alone in the major leagues, defies belief.

He pitched a no-hitter (the equivalent of a bowler taking all ten wickets without conceding a run), the first Yankee to do so for a decade and only the seventh to do so in the Yankees' distinguished 90-year history. No Met has ever managed it.Abbott became part of the most powerful dynasty in American sport.

The winner last year of the Tony Conigliaro award — "for the person who has overcome adversity through the attributes of spirit, determination and courage" — he graciously deflected the ensuing praise.

The 25-year-old pitcher, who uses the stump of a right forearm to hang his glove on, preferred instead, to pay tribute to his defence. The Yankees, vying for the lead in the eastern division of the American League, are plainly united.

The Mets, who long ago lost sight of their rivals in the National League, are a bunch of individuals linked together only by mediocrity. At their rotten core is a 31-year-old, Vince Coleman.

He was signed from the St Louis Cardinals on a four-year contract, worth $12 million, in 1991. Commentators predicted that he had neither the necessary talent nor the social skills to survive.

Their assessments proved to be spectacularly right, that of the Mets horribly wrong. Apart from missing 215 games through injury, suspension or paid leave of absence, Coleman could not be diverted from his road to ruin.

He abused the coach during practice, attacked the manager during a game and, with two colleagues, he was named in a rape case. No charges were brought then but he was charged two months ago after he admitted throwing a firecracker, known as an M-100, in a parking lot outside Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles. A woman and two children, one only two years old, were allegedly injured.

He is to appear in court on October 8, on a charge that carries a maximum sentence of three years' imprisonment. The Mets have already taken action. Fred Wilpon, the joint owner, announced that Coleman would never again wear the club's uniform, though he remains on full pay of $11,000 (about £7,100) a week.

Wilpon referred to "a series of embarrassing problems that have understandably subjected us to local and national criticism". Among other events, Coleman inadvertently injured one of the Mets' best pitchers, Doc Gooden, by hitting him with a golf club. The Mets attempted vainly to cover up the mishap.

Nor can there be any disguising their plight at present. The butt of numerous jokes, they are plummeting inexorably towards the most undistinguished season since they were formed from a pool of discarded players in 1962.

This team, which lost three-quarters of its games, is considered baseball's worst ever.

Within seven years, they won the World Series, an achievement regarded as miraculous, and, in 1986, when they repeated the triumph, they were known as charismatic. The decline has since been steep. They have now earned themselves the title of "the worst team that money could buy".

Guscott fit to face the 'expansive' strategy of Olver

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

JEREMY Guscott returns to Bath's midfield this weekend as the champions take on Northampton, the only team to beat them in the Courage League last season.

England centre Guscott missed the first round of games last weekend with a hip injury but comes in for Mike Catt, who scored two tries in the win at Bristol.

Bath and Northampton were two of only four winners in the opening series of Division One fixtures. Bath struggled to beat Bristol but Northampton restricted Leicester to a single penalty until the last minute.

Northampton captain John Olver said: "When I saw that our first two games were against Leicester and Bath, who finished above us last season, I worried that we might lose both.

"That would almost certainly have cost us any chance of winning the league. So beating Leicester lifted a great weight off my shoulders. Now we can go to Bath to enjoy the match and try to develop our more expansive style."

Harlequins had the rare experience of winning their opening league match when they hammered London Irish and now take on Wasps, where they won 14-13 in the Pilkington Cup last spring.

New Quins captain Andy Mullins said: "If we can win this one it would for the first time give us something to play for in the league during the autumn. We have had six seasons of early defeats then just going through the motions, knowing we could not win the title."

Wasps, who drew 9-9 at Gloucester, last week, field their captain and vice-captain, Dean Ryan and Steve Bates, plus prop Gary Holmes, who were all injured before the league season began.

Leicester have ace goal-kicker John Liley fit again as they host Orrell while Newcastle Gosforth, trounced at Orrell, make six changes — four in the pack — at home to Gloucester.

John Curry returns at prop, Simon Gibbs is in the second row and Graham Clark and Brian Chick are the flankers.

Welsh fears of lack of competition unfounded

GERALD DAVIES

Rugby Commentary

The night had not grown late but the chat had been long and meandering. It was the kind of convivial indulgence that the picturesque nature of a tour offers. Another town, another tale to tell, as opposed to the short and sweet, come and go international match weekend. Time is not such a taskmaster.

Around the table were three of the players who have given Bath its illustrious fame: Chilcot, Barnes and Guscott. In their company, too, was another West Countryman, Alistair Hignell, one of ITV's commentators in New Zealand, mimic and sweet teller of riveting yarns of the cricket circuit that can make for a long and thoroughly enjoyable Sunday lunch.

At any rate, out of this heart-to-heart was laid the charge that clubs left only to play each other in the Heineken League was making Welsh rugby too insular; that Wales suffers because there is no Anglo-Welsh contact anymore. It was an interesting point, of course, but one which simply begged to be challenged.

Why, for instance, should Wales be considered thus and England not when their clubs, also only play each other in the Courage League? Might not Bath themselves, winners of the championship four times out of six, be in need of a sterner contest from outside? Would the exchange be more mutually beneficial than any of them was inclined to suppose?

The response was that in England's case the national team was strong. While this is patently true it did not answer the question. England's international success is attributable more directly to organisational skills and selectorial consistencies, as well as the players' talents of course, than to the internal competitive club structure.

Welsh rugby can indeed be accused of insularity. But this is not because of the lack of English fixtures. Such insularity manifested itself in other, more crucial ways. Wales forgot that its place in the rugby world cannot depend purely on sentiment and they fail to understand they need to compete outside to survive among the best.

They chose also to ignore those changes occurring in the southern hemisphere throughout the early Eighties and which were highlighted in the 1987 World Cup. While they were still wedded to the static maul (remember that one?) they fail to recognise the technical and tactical advances developed elsewhere. England's response after 1987 was immediate and dynamic out of which grew their remarkable success but of which the Courage League formed only a part.

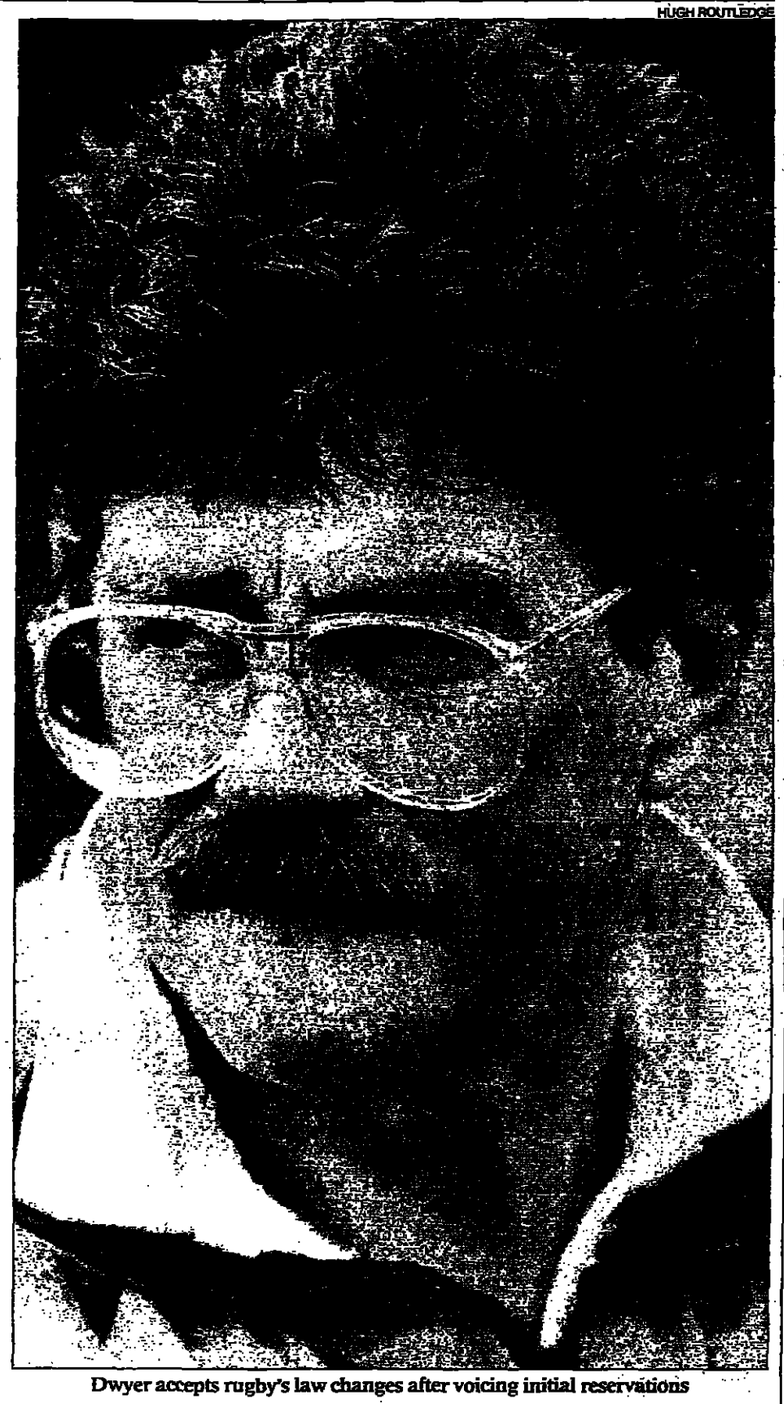
Might England, too, not be thought to be insular? The most vociferous complaints against the new laws came from England and which aroused not a little suspicion that this was because it would be more beneficial to them.

Admittedly, Bob Dwyer made a similar case in Australia but did not allow it to influence his national team. Alex Wyllie, the former All Black coach, did much shouting too. But looking at the way New Zealand's provincial teams played, few took any notice of his remarks and, accepting the laws' existence despite their imperfections, they played imaginative rugby against the Lions.

And are New Zealand and Australia thought of as insular because they are without an Anzac championship? Are they in any way impoverished by its absence? Their strengths come from within, through perceptive analysis and rigorous application. They offer no excuses. So, should there be an Anglo-Welsh championship? But why limit it to this? What of the Irish and the Scots? And did not Clive Norling, of Bridgend and Gareth Jenkins, of Llanelli, last season suggest a European competition? Clearly, there are no shortages of ideas.

But what guarantee is there in all this that standards would necessarily rise? More, as someone once said, does not mean better. And what of the players who are already bemoaning a season containing only 22 league matches? What is certain is that the present system would have to be dismantled and a totally new one take its place. It could not be added piecemeal. In addition, both Heineken and Courage are committed to a sponsorship programme over the next four years. This should give time for an assessment while, in the meantime, each country will have to strengthen in its "insularity" and not use it as an excuse.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Dwyer accepts rugby's law changes after voicing initial reservations

Scotland's hopes hang in balance

BY RODDY FORSYTH

WITH the exception of Aberdeen, whose 3-0 away victory over Valur of Iceland in the Cup Winners' Cup is practically a guarantee of a place in the next round, Scottish hopes of progress in the European club tournaments are precarious.

Celtic have home advantage for their return leg against Young Boys in the Uefa Cup but their failure to score in the draw in Berne renders them vulnerable to the loss of a goal at Parkhead.

Heart of Midlothian must defend a 2-1 lead over Atletico Madrid in Spain in the same tournament while Dundee United, also Uefa Cup contenders, were surprised by Brondby's skills in their 2-0 defeat in Denmark.

Rangers, too, were penalised for carelessness when they allowed a 2-0 lead to evaporate late in their European Cup meeting with Levski Sofia at Ibrox. They travel to Bulgaria in the knowledge that a 1-0 defeat there would dump them from a tournament which earned the Scottish champions more than £10 million last season.

Rangers, at least, appear unperturbed by their task, to judge by the mood of the players. "I thought we played well overall — at times very well indeed — and we should have been comfortable winners but some bad defending undid a lot of the good work up front," Mark Hateley, the Rangers forward said.

"However, I really believe we should score there, and if we do it is hard to believe we would not go on." Hearts, too, have scrutinised the indecisive defending which opened the way for Atletico Madrid to reduce the Tynecastle side's deserved 2-0 lead but like Rangers they believe they will inflict damage playing away.

Sandy Clark, the Hearts manager, said: "They cannot sit back and frustrate us as they tried to do on Tuesday. Even against their tight marking we scored twice and I'm sure we can exploit the extra space we should be given there."

As for Dundee United, whose manager, Ivan Golac, predicted a three-goal win over Brondby, an imminent departure from the Uefa Cup looks likely. "I got it wrong", Golac said in a statement which cannot be contradicted by the facts.

United hope to learn from mistakes

BY PETER BALL

ENGLISH clubs expect to get through the first round of the European competitions successfully, but with Arsenal, Manchester United and Norwich winning and the fourth English representative, Aston Villa, claiming a creditable away draw in Bratislava, Wednesday was perhaps the best opening night since returning to Europe three years ago.

Then, Manchester United won against Hungarian opposition on their way to winning the European Cup Winners' Cup. This time, in the European Cup, they repeated the performance against the more famous Kispest-Honved team, winning 3-2 in Budapest. Roy Keane marked his European debut with two goals, but it says much for their current confidence that afterwards United were disappointed.

"It was a good win but it could have been better," Alex Ferguson, United manager reflected, yesterday morning. United wasted a series of chances and then allowed the Hungarian team back into contention with two defensive mistakes. The mistakes at least provided Ferguson with a useful lesson for his defenders, and one which has wider application, as Rangers could testify.

"It was a wee lesson for our team that you can't relax for a minute," Ferguson said. "It was back to Atletico Madrid in 1991, when one minute we were comfortable and the next we were three nil down and out of the competition." In the present state of Hungarian football, it is unlikely to prove costly this time for United. Rangers, who twice allowed Levski Sofia to cut a two goal deficit back to a single goal in Glasgow, may not be so comfortable, facing a hazardous trip to Bulgaria after their 3-2 win left them with two away goals in Levski's favour.

As impressive as any result in the senior competition came from Cork City, who went down 2-1 to Galatasaray in Turkey, and must now stand a fine chance of giving Ireland the rare pleasure of a representative in the second round. "They must have a chance now if the fans really get behind them," Ferguson said.

Keane: scored twice

There is little doubt United would fancy meeting Cork — or even Galatasaray — in the second round. The other heavyweights had a mixed night. A Jean Papin goal giving AC Milan a 1-0 win over Aarau in Switzerland, which should see them safely through, along with Anderlecht and Porto, who won 3-0 in Helsinki and 2-0 at home to Floriana of Malta respectively.

Barcelona, though will have a huge battle when they entertain Dynamo Kiev in two weeks' time after going down 3-1 in the first leg, even though Kiev were reduced to 10 men before half-time when Misin was sent off for arguing. European Cup winners in 1992, Barcelona went out to CSKA Moscow in the second round last season, and are now threatened with missing out on the lucrative league stage for a second successive year, a serious blow to a club of their standing.

Monaco, who came in last week to replace the cup-holders, Marseilles, are also delicately placed after only beating AEK Athens 1-0 in their home leg.

Arsenal and Aston Villa also received early warnings about the need to concentrate in the Cup Winners' Cup and Uefa Cup respectively. With sharper finishing Odense and Slovan Bratislava could have had significant leads in the first 20 minutes, but Odense had to be content with one goal, and goals from Wright and Merson should see Arsenal through. Villa, who held on for a 0-0 draw, have perhaps the hardest task, unless they rediscover the way to goal within the next two weeks.

The performance of the night by an English club, however, came from Norwich City in the Uefa Cup. On their European debut they beat Vitesse Arnhem 3-0 with a dramatic second-half display led by Efan Ekoku, who scored one and made another of their goals. The name leading the scorers in that competition on Wednesday night is more worrying for England — Denis Bergkamp, who has had a miserable start to the season. The Dutchman hit form at last with all three goals as Inter-Milan beat Rapid Bucharest 3-1.

SPORTS BRIEF

Burns moves closer to British title

A CONFIDENT and relaxed Richard Burns arrived in Douglas yesterday at the end of day two of the Manx international rally almost assured of the Mobil British championship. Burns, 22, will be the youngest British champion providing he can reach the finish of the fastest rally in Europe. With only ten stages remaining in the three-day event, the fifth and final round of the Mobil series, Burns held a 19sec lead over Kenny McKinistry, from Ulster, although he only needs to finish fifteenth or better to clinch the title.

Burns, at the overnight halt in Douglas, said: "It is nice and clean and undamaged and that's the way it's going to stay. We are just driving to the pace we want to and I know Kenny is trying really hard. I'm quite surprised that we're leading, because, believe me, we are being very cautious."

McKinistry said: "I've been absolutely flat out. I'm trying really hard, but Burns is just going away from me."

League expansion

SQUASH: The late loss of a replacement sponsor for the national league will not stop it entering a tenth season in an expanded form, the Squash Rackets Association (SRA) announced yesterday (Colin McQuillan writes). The premier division will start on October 18 with six teams staffed by the leading 30 British players while the world champion, Jansher Khan, of Pakistan, is among the overseas players registered for the ten-squad first division, which will play in north and south sections. Peter Marshall, the British professional champion, will lead the Cardiff-based Leekes Wizards, Tony Hands will front Rackets Essex, Simon Parke will be at Village Manchester, Philip Whitlock, the English champion, is at Manchester Northern, Stephen Meads will play for Lingfield in Surrey and Ross Norman will lead Fin Herts in Welwyn Garden City.

O'Sullivan unbeaten

SNOOKER: Ronnie O'Sullivan maintained his unbeaten record this season with a 5-0 win over Terry Murphy, of Londonderry, in the qualifying competition for the £150,000 European Open at Blackpool yesterday. O'Sullivan, 17, demonstrated why he is regarded as the game's outstanding young prospect as he ended Murphy's own winning streak, which had stretched to ten matches. The former world junior champion, from Chigwell, will play Mike Hallett for a place in the tournament's final stages. John Higgins, 18, also progressed by a 5-0 margin, at the expense of Jimmy Michie.

Soulsby shares lead

GOLF: Janet Soulsby, of Britain, a former Curtis Cup player, came in late in the day with a five-under-par 67 to share the lead after the first round of the Italian Open at Lignano yesterday. Soulsby, from Newcastle, finished in a four-way tie for the lead with Shani Waugh, of Australia, Annika Sorenstam, of Sweden, and Amaya Arruti, from Spain. Laura Davies, the holder, is three strokes behind after a round of 70. "I played well today and never went over par," Soulsby said. "I only missed two fairways but birdied both holes so I have to be pleased with a 67."

New record attempt

YACHTING: Robin Knox Johnston and Peter Blake are planning a second attempt to set a new circumnavigation record next spring (Barry Pickthall writes). Their previous effort ended in failure off the Cape of Good Hope last February, when their 85-foot catamaran, ENZA New Zealand, was holed after colliding with debris in the Roaring Forties. Instead, the record went to Bruno Peyron's Commodore Explorer, which completed the 27,000-mile distance in 79 days six hours. Blake and Knox Johnston feel they can reduce the record below 75 days.

St Helens seek help

RUGBY LEAGUE: Combined with a poor start to the season, St Helens are still without a replacement for Gary Connolly, the Great Britain centre, now with Wigan, after yesterday withdrawing their interest in Peter Jackson, the North Sydney and Australia back. The move follows the failure to lure Scott Gibbs from rugby union in Wales. Jackson had insisted on playing at stand-off half, his position for the last two years. Sheffield Eagles are hopeful that Bill Gardner will complete a two-year contract, despite being appointed coach of Queensland Crushers.

FOOTBALL

Endsleigh Insurance League

Third division

Doncaster v Mansfield (7.30)

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Halifax v Witon Albion (7.30).

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance county championship

Second day of four

10.30, 110 overs minimum

HARTLEPOOL: Durham v Somerset

CHELMSFORD: Essex v Hampshire

CANTERBURY: Kent v Glamorgan

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Northamptonshire

LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Derbyshire

TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Warwickshire

THE OVAL: Surrey v Yorkshire

HOVE: Sussex v Gloucestershire

WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Middlesex

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of three): Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Sussex. Bristol: Gloucestershire v Yorkshire. Crosby: Lancashire v Northamptonshire. Banstead: Surrey v Worcestershire.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter championship

First division

Widnes v Castleford (7.30)

YOUNGERS ALLIANCE (7.30pm unless stated): First division: Bradford Northern v Wakefield Trinity; Halifax v Warrington; Salford v Batley (8pm); St Helens v Ryedale York; Wigan v Featherstone Rovers. Second division: Dewsbury v Keighley.

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Sunderland Scorpions v Birmingham Bullets.

MOTOR RACING: Manx International rally: Final day (Douglas).

EQUESTRIANISM: Three-day event (Blenheim, Oxford).

SNOOKER: European Open qualifiers (Blackpool).

TENNIS: LTA autumn satellite (Nottingham).

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WALLOW

(b) To wither or fade, to waste away, literally and figuratively, often conjugated with *be*, from the OE *wealwian*, from the Greek *eleustheis* rolled, Latin *volvere* to roll: "When first she lookt the letter on,/ She was baith red and rosy:/ But she had na read a word but twa,/ Till she wallowt like a lily."

ZIZYPHUS

(b) A plant of a large widely distributed genus so named, which comprises spiny shrubs or trees of the buckthorn family, various species of which bear an edible fruit called Zizypha or Jujube, late Latin adapted from the Greek *zizyphon*.

PALMEOUS

(a) Made of palms or palm-wood, from the Latin *palmeus* made of palms, 1657: "They make the palmeous Emplaister after the form prescribed, agitating it always with a palmeous spatle."

JESSE

(b) A genealogical tree representing the pedigree of Christ, from "the root of Jesse" (cf. *Isaiah xvi, I*); used in churches in the Middle Ages as a decoration for a wall, window, vestment, or in the form of a large branched candlestick, from the name of the father of David (*I Samuel xvi, 12*): "In old Records a large Brass Candlestick, branched out into several Sconces, such as are used in Churches. This useful device was first called *Arbor Jessae*, and *Stirps Jessae*, from its resemblance to the Genealogical Tree of Jesse."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

Black recaptures his material with 1... Ne2+ 2 Kb1 (2 Kc2 Ne3+ and 3 ... Nxf1) 2 ... Rd1+ 3 Kc2 (3 Ka1 Nxc3 mate) 3 ... Ne3+ 4 Kb2 Rxd1 and 5 ... Nxf1 emerging with a winning endgame.

Andretti puts his foot down and heads for home

Andretti: struggled

Oliver Holt examines why McLaren have parted company with their American driver

The McLaren Formula One team finally put their struggling American driver, Michael Andretti, out of his misery yesterday when they announced he was to be replaced by the Finn, Mika Hakkinen, for the last three races of the season, allowing him to resume his career in IndyCar racing.

A McLaren spokesman said yesterday that Andretti and the team have parted by mutual consent after the driver had approached the team's owner, Ron Dennis, to seek assurances about his future in the remaining two seasons of his contract.

Dennis was unable to reassure him, and Andretti said: "I was very keen to continue my career in Formula One with McLaren, but when I approached Ron to discuss the future, he explained that he would not have been able to commit himself until November or December. I therefore took a decision to take the best IndyCar drive which was offered to me."

Great things were expected from the man who won the IndyCar series in 1991 and was runner-up last year when he arrived at McLaren to partner Ayrton Senna, not least from officials who hoped his expected successes would re-ignite interest in Formula One in the United States. However, his season shuddered from one calamity to another on the track and turned him into a figure of fun in grand prix paddocks across Europe.

Andretti's inability to adapt to a new racing style and a lighter car was made worse by Senna's bravura early-season performances and the ease with which Nigel Mansell, his replacement in the Newman-Haas IndyCar team, slotted into his new role in his first season in the American series.

A week after Andretti stalled his car on the grid in the first Formula One race of the season in South Africa and then smashed into the back of Derek Warwick's Footwork four laps later, Mansell won his first race at Surfers Paradise in Australia after qualifying his Lola-Ford in pole position.

In Brazil, one week later, Andretti crashed spectacularly before he even reached the first corner and at the next race, the European grand prix at Donington, he spun into a gravel trap on the first lap. He exceeded expectations in Imola at the San Marino grand prix by completing 32 laps before sliding off.

The wisdom of his habit of flying home to the United States by Concorde after every race was called into question. Critics said he drove quicker to get to the airport than he did on the track.

Plainly, the man who won 27 IndyCar races and set 27 pole positions in a career that began in 1983 found it hard being an also-ran. He laboured in the shadow of Senna and was oppressed by the record of his father, Mario, who won the Formula One title in 1978 with Lotus. Undoubtedly, he joined McLaren at a difficult time when pre-race practice was limited to a small number of laps and the team was effectively in transition.

"You need to be familiar with the tracks to really find the limit," he said recently. "Otherwise you either fall short of the limit, or even worse, you go over it."

By mid-season, he had begun to hanker after his old career in America. He was mobbed by fans when he watched Mansell finish a glorious third in the Indianapolis 500. Last week, with a hint of longing and nostalgia in his voice, Andretti observed only inexperience had cost Mansell the race and that if he had been in the car he was sure he could have won.

The antics of his wife, Sandy, attracted attention. Accustomed to being able to talk to her husband on the pit radio during races, she was allegedly banned from the pits by the exasperated Dennis. But he bore the endless teasing with dignity, even humour. In Monte Carlo, he was asked what was the craziest thing he had ever done in the Principality. "Let my wife go shopping by herself," he said.

His supporters insisted he would come good eventually, but he did not make the first corner in the British grand prix at Silverstone in July and then suffered a series of mechanical problems until last weekend at Monza, as Mansell prepared to try to clinch the IndyCar series, he spun early in the race but finished third.

At the post-race press conference for podium finishers, Andretti looked around with a bewildered smile on his face. "I always wondered what it was like at one of these," he said.

All calm before Vagliano storm

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN PARIS

A FEW miles north of Paris, no distance from the hustle and bustle of the airport at Charles de Gaulle, lies Morfontaine, one of the most quietly exclusive golf clubs in France, where the Vagliano Trophy, the biennial encounter between the women amateurs of Great Britain and Ireland and the continent of Europe, starts today.

It is ten years since the Continent last won the Vagliano, but if ever there were a suitable place for them to confound recent history, it is here, the home club of Lally Segard, whose father, Andre Vagliano, presented the trophy.

"This is where they started to make me play golf, in the mid-Thirties," La Lally, a former British champion and one of France's most distinguished amateurs, recalled. "In those days, parents didn't ask their children what they wanted and I think it was to stop me doing athletics, rugby and handball. Golf was such a solitary game, but I liked the competition."

Morfontaine, described by its proud members as "the best course in France and probably the best in the world", was a little wet, but, the teams reported, in immaculate order. Like Royal St George's and Muirfield, clubs of similar exclusivity, it does not suffer from being overplayed. Unlike its British counterparts, however, it does suffer women gladly.

The atmosphere is calm, almost sepulchral, the approach to the match one of relaxed informality, with a welcome absence of hype. That, combined with the chilly weather, came as something of a culture shock to the American connection: the British pair of Lisa Walton and Janice Moodie and Vibeke Stensrud, the European champion and the first Norwegian to play in the match, are all at San Jose State university. Shivering in the damp air, they were dreaming of California.

New coach to help Hardcastle prepare for Canada

BY CRAIG LORD

THE new season marks a return to, and a break from, the past for Sarah Hardcastle, the most successful British woman swimmer of the last 30 years. Hardcastle rejoins the ranks of those selected for the England team, her 1993-4 place secured after a seven-year absence, most of which was spent in retirement.

She will also leave Southend behind, her engagement to Lee Thomas taking her to Berkshire and into the fold of Rosa Gallop, coach to Bracknell swimming club. When Hardcastle, 25, returned to the sport a year ago, it was to the mentor of her first career, Mike Higgs, coach at Southend, that she turned.

Progression was fast for the woman who in the Eighties won two Olympic medals, was Commonwealth champion at 400 and 800 metres freestyle and came within 0.2sec of breaking the world record inthe latter event. She easily earned selection for the European championships, held at Sheffield last month and finished sixth and eighth in her best events.

Her target is now the Commonwealth Games, in Canada, an event that represents the only international championships at which swimmers compete for the constituent countries of the United Kingdom.

Higgs, Hardcastle says, will still play a part in her preparation. Neil Willey, 17, of Barnet Copthall in London, makes his England debut after winning the European junior title at 100 metres backstroke in July.

Selection for the team offers swimmers the chance to compete at various international events this winter, including the World Cup series. Ian Wilson, of Sunderland, is in the squad, despite having missed the European championships because he was suffering from fatigue.

ENGLAND TEAM: Men: A Clayton (City of Leeds); K Crosby (Warrington Warriors), M Fibbens (Barnet Copthall); M Foster (Barnet Copthall); N Gillingham (City of Birmingham); M Harris (Borough of Waltham Forest); J Hickmsn (Stockport Metro); R Maden (City of Leeds); P Palmer (City of Lincoln); G Robins (Portsmouth Northsea); A Ruckwood (City of Birmingham); I Swift (Rotherham Metro), D Warren (City of Leeds); N Willey (Barnet Copthall); I Wilson (City of Sunderland) Women: E Arter (City of Leeds); A Bennett (Nova Centurion), J Deakins (City of Coventry); N Goodwin (Nova Centurion); S Hardcastle (Bracknell); M Hardiman (City of Birmingham), V Horner (Newburn); C Huddart (City of Leeds); J King (Tigersharks, Swindon); K Osher (Barnet Copthall), K Pickering (Ipswich); S Rolph (City of Newcastle); H Slatter (Warrington Warriors).

MARC ASPLAND

Alexander Monro polishes his act in preparation for his dressage test on Andante VI at the Blenheim Horse Trials yesterday; he finished the day in tenth place

Sundance Kid takes first-day lead

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

A SUPERBLY ridden test by Marina Loheit, the German national champion, on Sundance Kid, gave her a commanding lead at the end of the first day of dressage at the Blenheim Audi Horse Trials in Oxfordshire yesterday.

Loheit's exquisite performance on her 12-year-old Hanoverian, who was her reserve horse for the European championships in Germany last week, drew unreserved plaudits.

Peggy Maxwell, who is one of Britain's international judges, said it was "as near perfection as you can get in horse trials".

Her deservedly high mark of 36.0pts gave her a 5.6pt lead over Pippa Nolan, the former national champion, on her 1992 Bramham winner, Metronome. Diana Fitzsimmons, a Canadian rider based with Lucinda Green in Hampshire, is third on Compact. The most improved performance came from Daisy Dick, 21, the daughter of the former Natonal Hunt jockey, Dave Dick. She is in fourth place on Headley Bravo.

Dick, an Oxford graduate who rode in the gold medal winning young rider team at their European championships earlier this month, attributes the improvement to her horse's "new" hip.

"We had lots of problems last year when he was uneven because of a rotated hip joint," she said. "We finally found someone who went 'clunk' and sorted it out. Since then, his marks have got better and better."

The cross-country course to be used tomorrow, which the designer, Mike Etherington-Smith, has deliberately made more difficult than in previous years, will favour Loheit.

Sundance Kid is probably the most experienced horse in the 76-strong field. They finished seventh in the 1990 world championships — for which they were trained by Alison Oliver, of Britain — and won the Lumuhlen three-day event in Germany this year.

The four-star Burghley event earlier this month would have been a more suitable outing for him than Blenheim's three-star course, but Loheit, 25, did not want to risk the horse in case she needed him for the European championships.

In the end, the severe, wet conditions last week proved more suitable for her more thoroughbred horse, Araipaima, on which she was tenth.

Nolan is disappointed to find a bigger, more technical course than usual. Metronome was sixth at the inaugural Blenheim event, in 1990, but has not fulfilled his early promise. He was retired on the cross-country at Badminton in May and at Gatcombe last month put in one of his frustrating "run-outs" at the third fence from home.

"People keep asking why I persevere with him" Nolan, who is marrying the show jumper, William Funnell, next month, said. "But he's got lots of scope and I love him — he just lacks concentration."

Dick is also needing a confidence-giving round. At Bramham, in June, she found she "coudn't ride one side" of Headley Bravo and had two run-outs. "It was my fault," Dick said. "I had been studying for my zoology degree and wasn't fit."

She is looking forward to walking the course again today with her father, who won the Grand National on ESB in 1956.

"I know already what he'll say," Dick said. "It's basically 'kick on' at every fence."

That philosophy is deeply ingrained in the two New Zealand riders, Mark Todd, the double Olympic champion, and Andrew Nicholson, who are lying in equal sixth and and eighth places. Both are likely to improve their places tomorrow.

Todd's horse, The Visionary — whose good mark yesterday was mostly due to Todd's skilful riding — was fourth at Falsterbo in Sweden this year.

Nicholson, who needs a good placing this weekend to keep his place at the head of the Land Rover rider rankings, was tenth on Ferndale Charlie Brown at Gatcombe last month.

Sue Benson, a former British team member, who is lying in seventeenth place on The Pocket Rocket after a good test, also has unhappy memories of this year's Bramham event.

"It was the biggest event I had done since the birth of my second child and I got totally runaway with," Benson said. It almost persuaded her to give up riding the horse, but she felt she could not end on that note. "I now have a different bit and have got some better brakes — I'm almost looking forward to Saturday," she said.

The pecking order may have already changed by tomorrow. Virginia Leng, on Welton Romance, and Ian Stark, on Stanwick Ghost, are among the international riders who do their dressage today.

RESULTS

LEADING FIRST-DAY POSITIONS: Dressage: 1, Sundance Kid (M Loheit, Ger), 36.0pts; 2, Metronome (P Nolan, GB), 41.6; 3, Compact (D Fitzsimmons, Can), 45.8; 4, Headley Bravo (D Dick, GB), 47.6; 5, Yarland Summer Song (M-C Duroy, Fr), 49.2; equal 6, Pacific Lion (M Ranschousen, US) and The Visionary (M Todd, NZ), 50.4; 8, Ferndale Charlie Brown (A Nicholson, NZ), 54.6; 9, Free And Easy II (J Somerton, GB), 55.2; 10, Andante VI (A Monro, GB), 55.4; 11, Kibah Medallion (J Gibson, Aus), 55.8; 12, Evedon Magnia (L Bevan, GB), 58.4.

US choose Daly for St Andrews

JOHN Daly, who missed selection for the Ryder Cup match next week, will be part of the three-man United States team for the Alfred Dunhill Cup at St Andrews from October 14 to 17.

The 1991 US PGA champion will play at the home of golf for the first time, alongside Fred Couples and Payne Stewart, who will also be making his debut in the event.

Although Bernhard Langer, Lee Janzen, Greg Norman and Paul Azinger — the winner's of this year's major championships — will not be taking part, several countries are able to field formidable-looking sides.

England, the defending champions, will be represented by Nick Faldo, Peter Baker and Mark James, while Scotland's bid for a first victory rests on the shoulders of Colin Montgomerie, Sam Torrance and Gordon Brand Jr.

Prize-money is again £1 million, with each of the winning side receiving £100,000. The 16 teams divide into four round-robin groups, with the winners going through to the semi-finals.

TEAMS: Argentana (J Coceres, V Fernandez, E Romero), Australia (R Davis, C Parry, P Senior); Canada (D Barr, B Franklin, R Zokol); England (P Baker, N Faldo, M James); Ireland (D Feherty, P McGinley, R Rafferty); Japan (T Nakitawa, Y Muramiu, T Yoneyamal), Mexico (R Alarcon, J Brito, C Espinozal); Paraguay (A Fearco, C Franco, R Freles); Republic of China (Chen Liang-Hsi, Chung Chun-Hsing, Yuan Chang-Chi), Scotland (G Brand Jr, C Montgomerie, S Torrance); South Africa (F Allem, E Els, D Frost); Spain (M A Jimenez, J M Olazabal, J Rivero), Sweden (A Forsbrand, J Haeggman, J Parnevik); United States (F Couples, J Daly, P Stewart); Wales (P Mayo, M Mouland, I Woosnam); Zimbabwe (T Johnstone, M McNulty, N Price).

Wealthy sit comfortably with world's premier players

Albert Dormer rubs shoulders with the elite to report on the card game with the highest stakes

THE world team bridge championships ended last week in Santiago, Chile. They gave prominence to an increasingly familiar figure, the wealthy aficionado who plays well enough to compete in top company, and with a chance of winning.

He does it with a minimum of sweat, chartering a group of professionals, usually five in number, to make up a team of three pairs. In the United States, by winning prescribed events, the team can qualify to represent its country, as Cliff Russell's team did.

It is expensive, but the patron gets his kicks and enjoys being with the experts, both at the bridge table and away from it. Unlike the golf or cricket pro, the bridge expert has always been socially acceptable. Even when his winnings at rubber bridge are his main source of income, he never had to use the tradesman's entrance.

Before Iain MacLeod became first an MP and then chancellor, his winnings at a bridge club in Carlton House Terrace usually exceeded his salary at Conservative Central Office. And he was not coy about it. Presenting a copy of his best-selling bridge primer to the Downing Street library, he wrote on the fly-leaf: "Perhaps this is the only book in this library that will bring the reader true profit."

The bridge scene attracts successful men because they are likely to excel at the game. Even the businessman's other favourite sport, golf, requires physical co-ordination and a certain level of fitness Bridge makes various demands; you need psychology as well as logic, co-operation as well as opposition, but they are all sedentary. And the most vital asset, a flair for risk-assessment, is the stock-in-trade of the average tycoon.

Elimination of the physical factor favours women, who are almost as good as men at the game. The Corporate America team of magnates has just recruited its first woman, Rita Shugart, the president of Monterey Airplane Co. She will play alongside such figures as America's second-richest man, the investor Warren Buffet; the head of Colombia Broadcasting, Laurence Tisch; and Wall Street broker Jimmy Cayne, a former world champion.

Women are heavily into professionalism. Judi Radin, who won several world championships with Kathy Wei, may well have been the highest paid pro of all until last year, when the partnership broke up in tears.

For most pros, however, incomes are modest compared with those earned in other sports. In the United States, a few can expect $50,000 (about 32,000) a year in retainers, plus $50,000 in one-off fees, plus lavish expenses. More often, some clients play well enough to make the game a pleasure. The journeyman, however, may pocket as little as $125 for a one-session event with a partner whose unskilful play leaves him with frayed edges. "The worst part," says one, "is having to have dinner with the client afterwards and listen to her trying to discuss a deal where she had the hands garbled, the bidding wrong, and has forgotten how the play went."

Another pro tries to ward off frazzlement by carrying a hip flask from which he takes solace whenever his client makes a really bad bid. "Sometimes I finish pie-eyed," he admits.

What made Russell's squad a talking point in Santiago was that the financial details which underlie professionalism at bridge were more widely bruited than is usual.

One member of the team was ineligible to play, and Russell hoped that this player's partner, Monty Borgen, would step down also, allowing him to bring in Jeff Meckatroth and Eric Rodwell, considered the world's strongest pair. Borgen was willing, but wanted $50,000 to give up his berth. A lower figure was agreed but the haggling had reached an interested audience until the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) baulked. They made Bergen stick with the team and find a new partner.

So Russell got him Rodwell. With the unfamiliar pairing, the team did well to reach the semi-finals, losing by the tiny margin of 3 International Match Points (IMPs). With the established "Meckwell" pair instead, the odds are that Russell's team, rather than The Netherlands, would have taken the championship, making him the third winning sponsor in the history of the Bermuda Bowl.

One previous sponsor was not risked in the final and did not acquire the status of champion. But the other, Malcolm Brachman, a Texas oil man, could carve his name with pride.

The ACBL had appointed its own captain, who kept Brachman on the sidelines as much as he could. But Brachman's pros stuck up for him and insisted that in the final against Italy he must be allowed to play and have the chance to win a medal.

So Brachman played the required number of deals - and confounded everybody. In dour exchanges, when he was at the table, USA piled on 68 IMPs. When he was not, they lost steadily and scraped home by only 5 IMPs.

Contract bridge was invented by the railroad baron, Harold S Vanderbilt, who like Russell and Brachman, preferred to play with and against the best. The movers and shakers of the world continue to seek the same challenge - and they will continue to find experts more than willing to accommodate them.

FORTHCOMING COMPANY GOLF DAYS

18 Sep Skoda Automobile UK Limited
Telford
36 players

21 Sep Uponor Aldyl Limited
Breadsall Priory
60 players

23 Sep Clay & Partners
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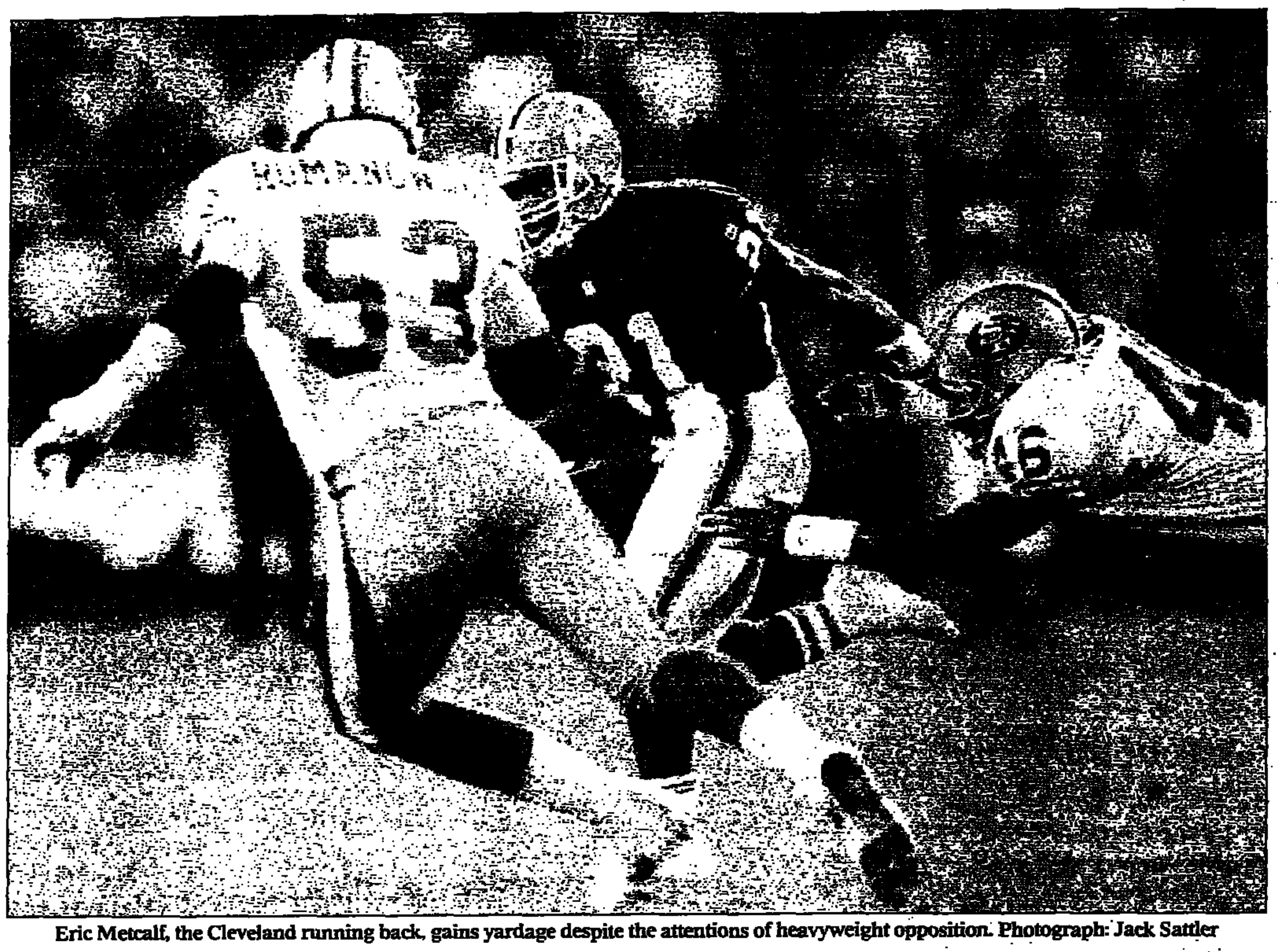

FREUD ON FRIDAY

At the football stadium in Cleveland, Ohio, on Monday evening, the cameras picked out a home team supporter wearing a dog mask, waving a bone. "More fun than going to Florida," the commentator said.

Behind the egregious fan stood a man who, ever and anon, hoisted a sign stating JOHN 3.7.

He might have been a rep for the Bible's publishers, he seemed to be having a good time also.

On the field of play, the Browns were beating San Francisco 49ers in front of a 78,000 sell-out crowd and it is difficult to conceive that there is a sport more compulsively arresting than American football at the top level.

At the Savoy Theatre, Nigel Short moved a pawn from B7 to B6 and a grand master guru retained by Channel 4 said: "That is a sharp move."

I think he may have been right but, for me, it lacked the blinding artistry of watching Michael Jackson launch himself over a mass of 49ers defenders to score a touchdown.

"Defensive linebackers," the NBC commentator said, "are the sort of people who make excellent security guards." Jackson, who is no relation to Elizabeth Taylor's friend, made them look like members of Group 4.

It is early in the season but Cleveland, who have played two and won two, look a good outside bet for the 1994 Super Bowl. Kosar is a quarterback of genuine quality with a devastatingly accurate arm.

In defence, they have Perry and Ball, each exceeding 20st — failed anorexics who combine serious avoirdupois with speed, skill and joyous body language that accompanies successful counters of the opposition's attack. However, the star of the outfit is Eric Metcalf, a running back who combines astonishing acceleration, balance and balletic wizardry with safe hands and the ability to withstand the constant physical onslaughts that tend to shorten the lives of small men in the game.

Discussing the successful home team at half-time, a Hall of Famer says of Metcalf: "He has that unique explosion . . . which is the first thing that leaves your legs with age."

There followed an almost tangible silence as the men with microphones empathised with that remark.

In a recent account about Peruvian terrorists in the *New Yorker* magazine, the author writes of three who had been captured by police and were being tortured to disclose the whereabouts of their leaders — a fairly standard practice in that South American land.

The first Shining Path Maoist gave nothing away, succumbed to his captors and died — so the police turned their attention to the second man, doing to him all the unspeakable things that might persuade him to talk.

After ten minutes of this, the third prisoner said: "Stop and I will tell you what you want to know."

"Talk," the police said, stopping.

"Wait," the third prisoner said. "If I tell you while that man is still alive, he will brand me as an informer. Kill him first, then I shall talk."

So they killed the second prisoner, at which the third man kicked out at them, spat at them, insulted them even more gratuitously than he had when first captured.

"Listen," they said to him, "you are the one who said he was going to talk. Why are you now doing this?"

"I noticed that my colleague was about to crack; do what you like to me, I will tell you nothing."

It is this inexorable Boycottesque dedication to a cause that is manifested by American footballers and it is this quality which makes it such a tremendous game to watch.

When a man goes down after a tackle and writhes on the ground it is not, as in association football, because he wants the other side to be penalised or could do with a rest. It is because his legs are broken.

It is an adult game professionally controlled by officials who wear long trousers, black-and-white striped shirts and are wired for sound so that they can announce not only their decisions but the reasons for giving them.

For the 1994 association football World Cup, it might be well worth considering the flagrant lack of authority associated with men wearing shorts, blowing whistles or waving flags.

In order to give the American public what they want, which is, of course, what they are used to, it might also be sensible to look at the advantages of a game that has frequent stops — not only so that it can beam multitudinous commercial messages for greater fiscal glory but also to enable the commentators to tell us much more than the essential facts of the action.

American football is a game that cries out for statistics — though perhaps not quite so loudly as the commentary team appears to believe.

It is useful to know that no team holding an 18-point home advantage coming into the last quarter has lost a game since 1937.

The fact that Stover is in line for the all-time record of kicking consecutive field goals in the mid-West in September grabs me no more than a discussion on whether Kasparov's pawn is, or is not, poisonous.

Eric Metcalf, the Cleveland running back, gains yardage despite the attentions of heavyweight opposition. Photograph: Jack Sattler

Sponsor's arrival must signal change of fortunes

By Nicholas Harling

DESPITE Budweiser's arrival on to the British basketball court this week, the game needs to prove itself as never before. Either that or the sport's organisers can continue to delude themselves they are suffering nothing worse than a transitional period.

Trouble is, the transitional period seems never-ending and is gradually becoming a trough. The "basketball boom" trumpeted by Kevin Routledge, the league chairman, is there alright but only in the schools, where it matches football for popularity.

What happens next, between student level and the English national team, which performed so ineptly during the European championships in the summer, is the first question Budweiser may well ask during the three years before its deal expires. Maybe it is just as well it is ploughing a large part of its £1 million sponsorship into marketing.

Guildford Kings' expected progression past Budivelnik Kiev in the preliminary round of the European clubs' championship — they led by 25 points going into the second leg last night — has helped lay the most promising foundations for a league season that opens with Birmingham at Sunderland tonight. But the fact that Kings are competing in Europe at all begs a second question that is symptomatic of the league's problems.

Kevin Cadle's squad, fourth in the league last season, entered only because the three clubs above them declined invitations. Worthing Bears, the champions, feared just the kind of draw that befell Guildford, a trek to the furthest extremes of Europe that would eat into their already stretched finances, although they were due to sign a deal with Blue Circle Cement today.

Whatever their European complications, it looks as though Guildford, with their exciting American newcomer, Tracey Pearson, will be too powerful for Worthing, their first league opponents, at the Spectrum tomorrow, as well as Thames Valley Tigers and Manchester Giants.

Lewis seeks contest with Tyson before retirement

By Our Sports Staff

LENNOX Lewis is determined to take on Mike Tyson before he bids farewell to boxing. His desire to compete against the disgraced former world champion is even greater than his need for a grudge match with Riddick Bowe, the World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation champion.

Lewis, the World Boxing Council (WBC) champion, who has indicated that he could be out of boxing in two years, said: "That's the ultimate goal. I don't wish to retire with people saying 'You didn't fight Tyson'.

"It's a bigger fight than Bowe because of the phenomena that surrounds Tyson. That would be the grand finale, the one to go out on."

Tyson is still in an Indiana jail but if he were to be released in 18 months or so, Lewis could get his wish.

Lewis's October 1 date with Frank Bruno at Cardiff Arms Park, in which he is ambitiously estimating that 70 per cent of the support will be on his side, is the immediate assignment still to be completed. The champion, who will this week leave his Washington DC training camp, is ready to cope with any of the rough tactics Bruno has displayed in the past.

Lewis claimed: "He's a dirty fighter. He looks like he just wants to punch people on the back of the head and hit them with his forearm. It depends on how rough Bruno wants to get it. I can box clean, dirty, it doesn't matter. It's every man for himself."

Bruno has expressed an obvious dislike of Lewis in the build-up to their heavyweight contest but Lewis insists: "He's just psyching himself up, he feels it's necessary."

Lewis is doubly confident that his condition, both physically and mentally, is "25 per cent better" than for his first defence of the WBC title against Tony Tucker in Las Vegas in May.

☐ Andy Holligan, the British and Commonwealth light-welterweight champion, has split with his manager, Mickey Duff, and joined the Frank Warren stable.

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FOOTBALL

RABAT: International match: Morocco 3, Mali 0.
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Luton Town 3, Norwich City 2.

Late results on Wednesday

EUROPEAN CUP: First round: First leg: Lech Poznan 3, Beitar Jerusalem 0; HJK Helsinki 0, Anderlecht 3; Steaua Bucharest 1, Croatia Zagreb 2; AIK Stockholm 1, Sparta Prague 0; Rosenborg (Nor) 3, Austria Wien 1; Kispest-Honved 2, Manchester United 3; Rangers 3, Levski Sofia 2; Galatasaray (Tur) 2, Cork City 1; FC Aarau (Switz) 0, AC Milan 1; AC Monaco 1, AEK Athens 0; FC Porto 2, Floriana (Malta) 0; Akranes (Ice) 1, Feyenoord 0.
EUROPEAN CUP-WINNERS' CUP: First round: First leg: OB Odense 1, Arsenal 2; Standard Liège 5, Cardiff City 2; Panathinaikos (Gr) 3, Shelbourne 0; Lillestrom (Nor) 0, Torino 2; Kosice (Slovenia) 2, Besiktas (Tur) 1; Benfica 1, GKS Katowice 0; CSKA Sofia 8, FC Balzers (Liech) 0; Universitatea Craiova (Rom) 4, Havnar HB (Faeroe Is) 0; FC Innsbruck 3, Ferencvaros (Hun) 0; Real Madrid 3, FC Lugano (Switz) 0.
UEFA CUP: First round: First leg: Botev Plovdiv (Bul) 2, Olympiakos (Gr) 3; Borussia Dortmund 0, Spartak Vladikavkaz (Russ) 0; IFK Norrköping (Swe) 0, KV Mechelen (Bel) 1; Osters IF (Swe) 1, Kongsvinger (Nor) 3; Brondby 2, Dundee United 0; Norwich City 3, Vitesse Arnhem 0; Juventus 3, Lokomotiv Moscow 0; Twente Enschede 3, Bayern Munich 4; Internazionale 3, Rapid Bucharest 1; Tenerife 2, Auxerre (Fr) 2; Gloria Bistrita (Rom) 0, Maribor Branik (Slovenia) 0; Slavia Prague 1, OFI Crete (Gr) 1; Lazio 2, Lokomotiv Plovdiv (Bul) 0.
ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: Second division: Bradford City 2, Reading 4, Bristol Rovers 1, Exeter City 1.
ANGLO-ITALIAN CUP: Qualifying round: Nottingham Forest 1, Notts County 0; Southend United 3, Watford 0; West Bromwich Albion 3, Peterborough United 1.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Hamilton Academical 2, Clydebank 3.
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Brighton 1, Queens Park Rangers 1; Charlton Athletic 0, Tottenham Hotspur 1; Ipswich Town 3, Wimbledon 1. League Cup: Bournemouth 2, Torquay United 2; Swansea City 4, Cheltenham 0; Yeovil Town 3, Plymouth Argyle 4.
PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Newcastle United 0, Bolton Wanderers 0; York City 0, Sheffield Wednesday 3. Second division: Barnsley 2, Stoke City 3; Huddersfield Town 3, Port Vale 3; Scunthorpe United 0, Middlesbrough 0.
FA CUP: First qualifying round: Replays: Murton 1, Tow Law 2; Winsford United 3, Ossett Town 1, St Helens 1, Rossendale United 0, Knowsley United 6, Salford City 0; Brigg Town 0, Droylsden 1, Lymington 2, Peacehaven and Telscombe 0, Newport AFC 0, Trowbridge 5; Tiverton 4, Worcester City 2.
DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Chesham 0, Hitchin 3, Molesey 3, Dorking 0. First division: Bognor Regis 4, Chalfont St Peter 1. Second division: Collier Row 2, Chertsey Town 3.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland division: VS Rugby 2, Bridgnorth 1.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Fleetwood 2, Barrow 3; Bishop Auckland 1, Bridlington Town 1; Horwich 1, Morecambe 3. First division: Congleton Town 0, Ashton United 5; Farsley Celtic 2, Alfreton 3.
FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Eppleton CW 2, Blyth Spartans 2; Guisborough 0, Durham City 1; Northallerton 3, Consett 0.
CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Penrith 0, Prescot 1.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Crediton 0, Liskeard Athletic 2; Minehead 2, Elmore 0; Torrington 1, Taunton 6; Westbury 2, Chippenham 1.
JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Chatteris 3, Watton 0; Soham 2, Histon 3.
BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: St Patrick's Athletic 0, Shamrock Rovers 2.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Milwaukee Brewers 15, New York Yankees 5; Toronto Blue Jays 14, Detroit Tigers 6; Boston Red Sox 6, Baltimore Orioles 5; Oakland A's 16, Minnesota Twins 2; Chicago White Sox 10, Kansas City Royals 6; Texas Rangers 7, Cleveland Indians 4; California Angels 15, Seattle Mariners 1.
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago Cubs 3, San Francisco Giants 1; Pittsburgh Pirates 8, Florida Marlins 1; Atlanta Braves 7, Cincinnati Reds 6; Philadelphia Phillies 6, New York Mets 3; St Louis Cardinals 5, Montreal Expos 4, Colorado Rockies 6, Houston Astros 4; Los Angeles Dodgers 5, San Diego Padres 4.

BOXING

ASHFORD, Kent: Professional bill: Welterweight (8 rnds): Kirkland Laing (Hackney) bt Dave Maj (Liverpool), rsc 2nd.
BETHNALL GREEN: Professional bill: WBC international light-flyweight championship: P Tiznado (Mex) bt M Cantwell (Eltham), pts.

BOWLS

BROADSTAIRS: Open tournament: Men's singles: Section semi-finals: M Horne bt E Huckstep, 21-12, J Parkyn bt J Griffiths, 21-20; R Acott bt D Botting, 21-14; C Tingey bt K Weyand, 21-11; W Norman bt F Ash, 21-11, S Mason bt J Flood, 21-10; J Roy bt F Wigmore, 21-9; P Hill bt J Day, 21-14.
AUCHINLECK: International match: Final: H Duff (Eng) 19, R Sutherland (Scot) 13.

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Bristol: Gloucestershire 361-6 dec (R J Cunliffe 114, R C Williams 103 not out); Yorkshire 9-0. Banstead: Surrey v Worcester, no play.

CYCLING

PARIS TO BRUSSELS CLASSIC (251km): 1, F Moreau (Fr), 6hr 8min 9sec; 2, J Nijdam (Holl), at 7min 5sec; 3, J Museeuw (Bel); 4, J Capiot (Bel); 5, N Verhoeven (Holl); 6, B Holm (Den), all same time.

GOLF

LIGNANO: Italian Open women's tournament: Leading first-round scores (GB and Ire unless stated): 67: A Sorenstam (Swe), S Waugh (Aus), A Arruti (Sp), J Soulsby. 68: S Elliott. 69: S Gronberg (Swe), D Ammaccapane (US), T Hammond, L DePaulo (US), K Espinasse (Fr), C Dibnah (Aus), K Parker (US). 70: K Douglas, J Germs (SA), H Hopkins (Aus), L Davies.
PGA EUROPEAN TOUR: Pre-qualifying competition: Manchester: 136: L Westwood (Eng), 68, 68. 137: P Bates (US), 65, 72. 140: A Hill (Eng). 141: M Sterner (Swe), 69, 72. 142: S Edwards (Eng), 73, 69. 143: C Hall (Eng), 73, 70; A Collison (Eng), 72, 71; C Green (Eng), 71, 72. 144: P Page (Eng), 75, 69; J Cook (Eng), 73, 71; S Cage (Eng), 73, 71. Quietwaters: 137: P Lyons (Eng), 69 68; B Fouchee (SA), 68, 69; R Huxtable (US), 71, 68. 139: M Tunnicliff (Eng), 71, 68; M Hazelden (Eng), 72, 67; G Ryall (Eng), 72, 67; M Sheppard (Eng), 71, 68. 140: J Murray (Ire), 72, 68; S Hoffman (Eng), 71, 69; M Watson (Eng), 71, 69; B Lamb (US), 68, 72. Bolton Old Links: 140: C Watts (Eng), 71, 69. 141: R Cameron (Eng), 71, 70. 142: I Alexander (Scot), 71, 71; A Crerar (Scot), 71, 71; J Carvill (N Ire), 69, 73. 144: R Clarson (Eng), 73, 71; C Elliott (Scot), 75, 69; A Tait (Scot), 71, 73. Collingtree Park: 142: T Price (Aus), 70, 72. 143: E McIntosh (Scot), 72, 71; S Henderson (Scot), 72, 71. 144: J Wilshire (Eng), 72, 72; S Lovey (Holl), 73, 71; F Clark (Scot), 73, 71; J Steenkamer (Holl), 73, 71; C O'Carroll (Wales), 74, 70.

HOCKEY

TERRASSA, Spain: Junior Women's World Cup: Pool B: Scotland 2, Argentina 3; South Korea 3, Australia 4; Spain 0, Pakistan 5. Final positions: 1, Pakistan, 8pts; 2, Australia, 6; 3, Argentina, 5; 4, Spain, 4; 5, South Korea, 3; 6, Scotland, 0.

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SNOOKER

BLACKPOOL: European Open: Eighth qualifying round (England unless stated): A Hamilton bt L Richardson, 5-0; F O'Brien (Ire) bt E Hughes (Ire), 5-1; Y Merchant (India) bt D Finbow, 5-2; A Higgins (N Ire) bt S Judd, 5-4; S O'Connor (Ire) bt D Harold, 5-2; A Meo bt A O'Connor (Ire), 5-0; P Davies (Wales) bt D Taylor, 5-3; S Newbury (Wales) bt P Daubney, 5-3; M Williams (Wales) bt I Graham, 5-0; W Jones (Wales) bt O King, 5-2; T Rampello bt P Francisco (SA), 5-4; N Walker bt J Birch, 5-1; B Morgan bt S Lanigan, 5-4. M Rowing bt S Murphy (Ire), 5-3; D Henry (Scot) bt C Edwards, 5-4. Ninth qualifying round: D Fowler (Eng) bt A Davies (Wales), 5-1; A Hicks (Eng) bt B Chaperon (Can), 5-3; R O'Sullivan (Eng) bt T Murphy (N Ire), 5-0; J Higgins (Scot) bt J Michie (Eng), 5-0; C Small (Scot) bt C Wilson (Wales) 5-0; N Noppachorn (Thai) bt S Reardon (Eng), 5-3; D Clarke (Eng) bt K Broughton (Eng), 5-3; S Lee (Eng) bt B Snaddon (Scot), 5-4.

TENNIS

BORDEAUX: Men's tournament: Second round: J Frana (Arg) bt R Gilbert (Fr), 6-1, 7-6; J Sánchez (Sp) bt O Delaitre (Fr), 6-2, 2-6, 6-0; M Rosset (Switz) bt P McEnroe (US), 6-4, 6-3; L Nemecek (Cz Rep) bt C Wilkinson (GB), 6-4, 6-4; T Enqvist (Swe) bt A Mancini (Arg), 6-3, 6-3.
NOTTINGHAM: LTA men's satellite tournament: Quarter-finals: T Henman (Oxford) bt S Herdoiza (US), 4-6, 6-4, 6-4; S Stewart (US) bt J Sher (SA), 6-4, 6-4; B Gyetko (Can) bt B Cowan (Lancs), 6-3, 6-4; D Sapsford (Surrey) bt N Baglin (Ches), 2-6, 6-4, 6-0.
HONG KONG: Women's tournament: Second round: C Kuhlman (US) bt M Javer (GB), 6-3, 6-2.

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Going: good to firm

2.00 (7f) 1, Jazeel (W Carson, 6-5 fav); 2, Moving Arrow (100-30); 3, Danger Point (8-1). 8 ran. NR: El Bailador. Nk, 2l. J Dunlop. Tote: £1.90; £1.10, £1.30, £1.80. DF: £4.10. CSF: £5.27.

2.35 (6f) 1, Zanzara (J Fortune, 20-1), 2, Fecky Miss (13-8 fav), 3, Enchanteur (14-1). 7 ran. NR: Billie Grey. 1l, 1l. J Berry. Tote: £27.60; £4.50, £1.10. DF: £10.80. CSF: £48.48.

3.10 (5f) 1, Palacegate Jack (J Carroll, 7-1); 2, Pinkerton's Pal (5-1), 3, Bid For Blue (4-1). Shifaal 5-4 fav. 6 ran. Nk, hd. J Berry. Tote: £6.80; £1.90, £1.90. DF: £7.20. CSF: £25.03.

3.40 (5f) 1, Sir Joey (S Drowne, 25-1), 2, Call To The Bar (7-1 fav), 3, Gondo (14-1); 4, Absolution (20-1). 20 ran. Sh hd, 2½l. P Murphy. Tote: £32.00; £5.80, £1.70, £2.50, £5.70. DF: £435.60. Trio: £808.40. CSF: £178.09. Tricast: £2,340.78.

4.10 (7f) 1, Hi Nod (N Connorton, 13-8 fav, Private Handicapper's top rating), 2, Amazing Feat (5-1), 3, Field Of Vision (6-1). 7 ran. 1l, ½l. M Camacho. Tote: £2.50; £1.60, £2.30. DF: £3.70. CSF: £9.08. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

4.40 (1m) 1, Beats Working (K Fallon, 3-1 jt-fav; Thunderer's nap), 2, Zuboon (100-30), 3, Hi The Canvas (3-1 jt-fav). 10 ran. Hd, 1½l. Mrs J Ramsden. Tote: £4.00; £1.90, £1.80, £1.50. DF: £4.80. CSF: £12.72. Tricast: £28.15.

5.10 (1m 7f) 1, Lake Poopo (K Darley, 5-2); 2, Mondragon (3-1); 3, Princess Tateum (6-1). Mujawab 9-4 fav. 5 ran. ½l, 6l. B Hills. Tote: £2.90; £1.60, £1.80. DF: £6.20. CSF: £9.48.

Placepot: £41.40.

Yarmouth

Going: good to soft

2.30 (6f 3yd) 1, Glimpse (J Weaver, 12-1); 2, Rakmah (9-2); 3, Bradwell (33-1). Great Triviality 11-4 fav. 8 ran. Sh hd, ½l. L Cumani. Tote: £9.90; £1.50, £2.20, £2.50. DF: £29.70. CSF: £58.69. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.00 (6f 3yd) 1, Face The Future (P Robinson, 4-1); 2, Moving Image (9-2), 3, Purbeck Centenary (12-1). Noble Risk 3-1 fav. 8 ran. 1¼l, 1½l. P Harris. Tote: £4.50; £1.60, £1.30, £3.20. DF: £16.00. CSF: £19.63. Tricast: £153.66.

3.30 (2m 2f 51yd) 1, Provence (W Ryan, 9-1), 2, Jack Button (5-1); 3, Miss Plum (9-2). Sun Grebe 6-4 fav. 7 ran. 3l, 1½l. P Harris. Tote: £9.70; £2.70, £2.60. DF: £20.70. CSF: £49.05.

4.00 (1m 3yd) 1, Florid (W Ryan, 1-4 fav; Newmarket Correspondent's nap): 2, Darenne (9-1); 3, Rousay (9-1). 7 ran. 5l, 4l. H Cecil. Tote: £1.30; £1.10, £2.60. DF: £3.10. CSF: £3.92.

4.30 (1m 3yd) 1, Benfleet (D Biggs, 14-1); 2, Pavaka (5-1); 3, Mr Rough (7-1). Bali Warrior 6-5 fav. 9 ran. ¾l, 1l. R Armstrong. Tote: £13.90; £2.80, £1.80, £1.80. DF: £80.00. CSF: £76.42. Tricast: £486.98. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

5.00 (1m 3yd) 1, Clarification (P Robinson, 3-1 fav); 2, Kalokagathos (20-1); 3, Mary Macblain (8-1); 4, Ascom Pager Too (25-1). 18 ran. Nk, 2½l. J Wharton. Tote: £4.80; £1.30, £4.90, £2.40, £4.50. DF: £58.20. CSF: £62.08. Tricast: £421.50.

Placepot: £248.40.

Lingfield Park

Going: soft (turf); standard (all-weather)

2.20 (7f 140yd turf) 1, Rainbow Heights (M Hills, 8-11 fav); 2, Silver Hut (5-1); 3, Sash (25-1). 11 ran. Nk, 6l. B Hills. Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £2.00, £5.70. DF: £4.80. CSF: £5.83.

2.50 (1m AW) 1, Hair Trigger (K Rutter, 25-1); 2, Princess Carmen (2-1 fav); 3, Tawana (5-1). 12 ran. 4l, 5l. Dr J Scargill. Tote: £21.20; £5.80, £1.60, £1.40. DF: £39.10. CSF: £74.57.

3.20 (7f 140yd turf) 1, Alaskan Heir (C Rutter, 50-1); 2, Aeroking (8-4); 3, Affirm (12-1). Lattah 11-8 fav. 10 ran. Nk, 2l. D Murray Smith. Tote: £36.80; £5.10, £1.40, £2.00. DF: £135.00. CSF: £115.53.

3.50 (6f turf) 1, French Gift (R Cochrane, 11-4 jt-fav); 2, Susad (3-1); 3, Mary Hinge (11-4 jt-fav). Star Spaeder 11-4 jt-fav. 5 ran. NR: Double Down, Kemo-Jo. ¾l, ¾l. D Elsworth. Tote: £3.50; £2.30, £1.70. DF: £4.50. CSF: £10.04.

4.20 (7f turf) 1, Sumoto (M Hills, 9-1); 2, Queen's View (5-2 fav); 3, Sunday's Hill (16-1). 9 ran. Sh hd, 3½l. G Wragg. Tote: £8.70; £1.70, £1.10, £5.00. DF: £16.00. CSF: £29.99.

4.50 (1m 6f turf) 1, Safety In Numbers (J Quinn, 4-1 fav); 2, Harlestone Brook (7-1); 3, Fools Errand (8-1). 11 ran. NR: Satin Dancer. 8l, 2½l. Lady Herries. Tote: £6.00; £1.60, £1.60, £2.70. DF: £48.20. Trio: £19.20. CSF: £30.51. Tricast: £197.76.

5.20 (7f 140yd turf) 1, Laurel Queen (T Quinn, 11-4 fav); 2, Rocality (6-1); 3, Mr Nevermind (6-1). 11 ran. NR: Trinity Hall. 5l, hd. J Berry. Tote: £3.40; £2.00, £2.30, £1.90. DF: £14.30. CSF: £23.82.

5.50 (5f turf) 1, Coalisland (B Russell, 8-2); 2, Little Osborne (4-1 jt-fav); 3, Hard Rock Miner (50-1). Avril Etoile, Chili Lady 4-1 jt-favs. 10 ran. Nk, hd. R Ingram. Tote: £5.80; £2.00, £1.10, £4.20. DF: £13.80. CSF: £21.92. Tricast: £725.81.

Placepot: £53.80.

☐ Beverley abandoned — waterlogged.

Flying fillies avoid clash as Coup De Genie stays home

By Julian Muscat

LEMON Souffle and Coup De Genie, who dispute favouritism for next season's 1,000 Guineas, will not cross swords until their projected clash in the Newmarket classic.

Both fillies hold engagements in the Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket on September 28. But whereas Lemon Souffle seems certain to take her chance, Coup De Genie's connections yesterday elected to tackle the Prix Marcel Boussac at Longchamp five days later.

Lemon Souffle, bidding to give her owner, Lord Carnarvon, his first Cheveley Park victory, reverts to six furlongs after a four-length triumph in the Moyglare Stud Stakes over an extra furlong on Sunday.

Carnarvon's son, Harry Herbert, explained yesterday: "The filly has so much speed. I spoke to Dermot Weld [whose Low Key Affair finished third in the Moyglare] and he said Lemon Souffle would win over any distance we wanted to race her." Herbert added that a good effort by Surprise Offer at Newbury this afternoon would earn the gelding a crack at the Breeders' Cup Sprint at Santa Anita, California, on October 30.

Meanwhile, the Stavros Niarchos camp took the opposing view with Coup De Genie. Racing manager, Alan Cooper, said: "She won impressively over seven furlongs on Sunday, so we thought we'd step her up to a mile rather than bring her back to six furlongs."

Those impressed by Coup De Genie's three-length dismissal of the colts in the Prix de la Salamandre on Sunday should hold fire before supporting her for next year's 1,000 Guineas. The impressive maiden winner East Of The Moon, in the same ownership and also trained by Francois Boutin, is another to consider, although a slight temperature prevented her from turning out for the group three Prix d'Aumale on Wednesday.

Niarchos, already the winner of seven group one races this season, has a strong hand for the big end-of-season prizes. Two hours after Coup De Genie's Marcel Boussac run, Hernando, who has taken Sunday's Prix Niel victory in his stride, contests the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. And 24 hours earlier, Psychobabble makes his first start for Boutin since leaving Criquette Head's stable in the group one Grand Criterium.

Niarchos's alliance with Cash Asmussen has allowed the Texan jockey to gain eight victories in the highest class so far this year. In that context, Asmussen is enjoying his best season since he moved to Europe, but he will have to wait until next week to learn whether Kingmambo attempts to extend that sequence in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot tomorrow week.

Pat Eddery has been booked to ride Daniel Wildenstein's colt, Bigstone, in the Ascot showpiece. This follows Wildenstein's outburst at Eddery's handling of Buckskin 15 years ago, when the Paris-based art dealer vowed never again to engage Eddery's services. Time is clearly a great healer.

Another intriguing aspect of Eddery's booking for Bigstone is the vacancy he leaves behind on Shaikh Mohammed's Barathea, whom he rode into fourth place in the Prix du Moulin last time out.

Luca Cumani, Barathea's trainer, could shed no light on his likely big-race jockey yesterday. "Pat phoned me to say he was offered the mount on Bigstone and that he had to accept it. Otherwise he felt he may have been left without a ride in the race." It will be interesting to see if Roberts is reinstated on the colt.

Asmussen is enjoying his best season riding for Niarchos

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: TABKIR (3.05 Ayr)

Next best: Surprise Offer (2.40 Newbury)

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THUNDERER

2.00 Vratislav
2.35 Googly
3.05 Tabkir
3.35 Braari
4.05 Best Kept Secret
4.35 Battle Colours
5.05 Briggsmaid

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 VRATISLAV (nap)

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.00 KILKERRAN AMATEUR RIDERS CONDITIONS STAKES
(£2,814: 1m 3f) (10 runners)

1 (3) 400301 AMERICAN HERO 11 (D,F) (D Leggate) R Allan 5-11-1 S Swiers 57
2 (2) 252110 PERSUASIVE 104 (C,BF) (W McHarg) Miss L Perratt 6-11-1 Miss L Robertson (5) 55
3 (10) 2 FLING IN SPRING 27J (C Calvert) Mrs S Bradburne 7-10-12 J Bradburne 50
4 (9) 000/50 MEESON CODE 71 (Mrs B Swanborough) P McBride 6-10-12 V Lukaniuk (5) –
5 (5) 430/0-00 ONE FOR THE POT 125 (C,D,F,G,S) (P Davies) M Naughton 8-10-12 Mrs A Farrell –
6 (6) VERBAL WARNING 18J (W Storey) W Storey 5-10-12 Miss S Storey (5) –
7 (8) 12-33 VRATISLAV 20 (G) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-10-12 Mrs L Pearce ⊕
8 (7) 435160 TRUBEN 14J (D,F,G) (A Perram) Miss L Perratt 4-10-9 M Buckley 86
9 (4) 5 NEGD 180 (Mrs D Kettlewell) S Kettlewell 3-10-5 Mrs D Kettlewell (5) 74
10 (1) 500000 MISS RIBBONS 23 (Mrs C Gosgrand) Pat Mitchell 3-10-0 Miss S Childerdes (5) –

BETTING: 1-3 Vratislav, 6-1 Truben, 7-1 American Hero, 10-1 Persuasive, 25-1 Negd, 50-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

2.35 EBF INHERITRESS FILLIES HANDICAP (C4)
(£10,796: 1m 2f) (11 runners)

1 (2) 600316 BAY QUEEN 30 (D,BF,F,G,S) (B Warren) M Bell 3-10-0 M Fenton (3) 97
2 (10) 311514 SILVERLOCKS 18 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs B Duxbury) Miss S Hall 3-9-13 N Connorton 88
3 (7) 225143 GOOGLY 7 (D,G,S) (A Lansley) W Wightman 4-9-10 M Hills 95
4 (6) 011103 QUEEN WARRIOR 18 (BF,F,G,S) (C Spence) P Walwyn 4-9-8 D Wright (5) 90
5 (5) 005 TAP ON AIR 27 (BF) (Shaikh Mohammed) M Stoute 3-9-8 K Darley ⊕
6 (3) 604050 SPARK 20 (F) (C Elsey) W Elsey 3-9-6 S Maloney (3) 91
7 (9) 0-25321 SEROTINA 41 (B,S) (Lord & Lady Foborough) W Jarvis 3-9-3 D Gibbs (7) 86
8 (4) 400000 SEASONAL SPLENDOUR 14 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 3-9-1 D Biggs 90
9 (11) 510003 BALIANA 11 (F) (Purple Silks) C Booth 3-8-13 A Culhane 94
10 (1) 025242 NO COMEBACKS 28 (D,F,S) (L Scowden) E Alston 5-8-6 K Fallon 88
11 (8) 041632 TANODA 29 (C,D,F,G,S) (M Brittain) M Brittain 7-7-7 J Lowe 88

Long handicap: Tanoda 7-6.

BETTING: 4-1 Queen Warrior, 9-2 Tap On Air, 5-1 Silverlocks, Googly, 13-2 Serotina, 8-1 Bay Queen, 10-1 No Comebacks, 12-1 Tanoda, 20-1 Spark, Seasonal Splendour, 25-1 Baliana

1992: TELL NO LIES 5-10-0 M Birch (10-1) M Easterby 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

BAY QUEEN beat Fair Flyer 12l in a 9-runner handicap at Beverley (1m 2f, good) on penultimate start. SILVERLOCKS beat Jerva 1½l lengths in a 10-runner handicap at Ripon (1m 1f, good to firm) on penultimate start. GOOGLY 3½l 3rd of 18 to Knowth in a handicap at Goodwood (1m 1f, good to soft). QUEEN WARRIOR neck and head 3rd of 12 to Miss Fascination in a handicap at Epsom (1m 110yd, good). TAP ON AIR 9½l 5th of 12 to Java Queen in a maiden at Sandown (1m, good to firm). TANODA 3½l 2nd of 8 to Doctor Ray in a handicap over course and distance (good).
Selection: SILVERLOCKS

3.05 LADBROKE AYRSHIRE HANDICAP (C4)
(£14,720: 1m) (15 runners)

1 (1) 2155-0 HOME COUNTIES 13 (D,G) (Roxy Cinemas Ltd) D Moffatt 4-10-0 Darren Moffatt (5) 94
2 (3) 012415 MOON SPIN 13 (D,F,G) (Mrs W Hern) W Hern 4-9-12 Paul Eddery 94
3 (4) 410402 WAINWRIGHT 16 (D,BF,F) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-9-7 W R Swinburn 95
4 (10) 00-14 TABKIR 13 (S) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 3-9-4 W Carson 93
5 (14) 5040 WORDS OF WISDOM 9 (M Morrison) C Cyzer 3-9-0 M Hills 88
6 (9) 000010 HARPOON LOUIE 11 (D,F) (P Savill) M H Easterby 3-8-13 K Darley 89
7 (12) 512040 SPANISH VERDICT 15 (D,F,S) (Cox & Allen Ltd) Denys Smith 6-8-11 K Fallon 94
8 (15) 125155 IMPERIAL BID 11 (F,G) (Lord Durham) Denys Smith 5-8-10 M Birch 91
9 (13) 0-10000 DOUBLE ECHO 18 (V,G,S) (Mrs J Lee) J Bethell 5-8-9 J Carroll 98
10 (6) 15-4362 ARAK 11 (F) (D Crossland) M Johnston 5-8-8 J Weaver ⊕
11 (11) 066360 NO SUBMISSION 13 (D,G,S) (T Redman) D Chapman 7-8-4 J Fanning 87
12 (8) 040050 HABETA 8 (D,F,G) (R Bickenson) J Watts 7-8-0 J Lowe 90
13 (7) 440122 DANCING BEAU 2 (F,G) (L Lazarus) S Dow 4-7-11 N Kennedy (3) 96
14 (2) 060000 TAKENHALL 15 (F,G) (C Pearman) M Fetherston-Godley 8-7-10 L Charnock 94
15 (5) 465242 PREMIER STAR 20 (B) (R Green (Fine Paintings)) M Bell 3-7-10 D Biggs 95

BETTING: 7-2 Tabkir, 9-2 Wainwright, 11-2 Arak, 7-1 Dancing Beau, 8-1 Moon Spin, 10-1 Harpoon Louie, 12-1 Habeta, Premier Star, 14-1 Takenhall, 16-1 Spanish Verdict, 20-1 Imperial Bid, Double Echo, 33-1 Words Of Wisdom, No Submission, 66-1 Home Counties.

1992: ECLIPSING 4-9-12 Pat Eddery (10-1) R Charlton 19 ran

FORM FOCUS

HOME COUNTIES 11¼l 5th of 6 to Brief Trace in group II Gallinule Stakes at The Curragh (1m 2f, good to firm) on penultimate start. MOON SPIN beat Precious Air ¾l in a 9-runner handicap at Windsor (1m 67yd, good to firm) on penultimate start. TABKIR 1½l 4th of 18 to Persiansky in a handicap at Kempton (1m, good to firm). ARAK short-head 2nd of 18 to Ballyranter in a handicap at Hamilton (1m 110yd, firm) with IMPERIAL BID (same terms) 5¾l 5th and HARPOON LOUIE (1lb worse off) 12¼l 17th. DANCING BEAU head 2nd of 11 to Salda in a handicap at Beverley (1m 110yd, good to soft). PREMIER STAR short-head 2nd of 18 to Coureur in a maiden handicap at Newcastle (1m, good to firm).
Selection: ARAK

3.35 SHADWELL STUD FIRTH OF CLYDE STAKES (C4)
(Listed Race: 2-Y-O fillies: £17,805: 6f) (5 runners)

1 (1) 3161 BRAARI 15 (D,F,G) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) B Hills 8-8 W Carson ⊕
2 (3) 1322 KNAYTON LASS 20 (F) (Mrs J Davenport) M W Easterby 8-8 T Lucas 91
3 (4) 0313 MONAASSABAAT 9 (D,BF,F) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-8 W R Swinburn 92
4 (2) 211 ONE ON ONE 30 (D,F,G) (Cheveley Park Stud) W Haggas 8-8 M Hills 95
5 (5) 113251 RANDONNEUR 27 (D,F,G) (T Scotheon) E Weymes 8-8 G Hind 89

BETTING: 2-1 Braari, 9-4 One On One, 4-1 Monaassabaat, 5-1 Knayton Lass, 13-2 Randonneur

1992: WHITE SHADOW 8-9 Pat Eddery (5-2) R Charlton 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

BRAARI beat Promise Fulfilled 3½l in a 5-runner conditions race at York (6f, good to firm). KNAYTON LASS ½l 2nd of 8 to Royal Insignia in a nursery at Newmarket (6f, good). MONAASSABAAT 2l 3rd of 20 to Rajmapata in a valuable nursery at Doncaster (6f 110yd, good). ONE ON ONE beat Nakita 6l in an 8-runner nursery at Yarmouth (6f, good). RANDONNEUR beat KNAYTON LASS (2lb better off) 1½l in an 8-runner conditions race at Ripon (6f, good to firm).
Selection: BRAARI (nap)

4.05 LADBROKE RACING NURSERY HANDICAP (C4)
(2-Y-O: £3,745: 6f) (8 runners)

1 (5) 121234 BEST KEPT SECRET 43 (F,G,S) (Manny Bernstein Ltd) J Berry 9-7 J Carroll 91
2 (7) 520210 CLOSE TO REALITY 31 (D,F) (Mrs B Southam) Mrs J Ramsden 9-4 K Fallon 93
3 (1) 34020 MILLICENT NORTH 32 (K Hogan) P Murphy 9-2 Paul Eddery 94
4 (8) 432 A MILLION WATTS 13 (Million In Mind Partners) J Watts 8-10 W Carson 92
5 (6) 542035 NO MEAN CITY 6 (B) (Mrs M O'Donnell) A Bailey 8-6 A Mackay ⊕
6 (2) 210300 LUCKY FOURTEEN 49 (B,G) (I Glenton) D Chapman 8-6 J Fanning 94
7 (4) 304011 GREY TOPPA 17 (C,F,G) (D Ford) Denys Smith 8-4 Darren Moffatt (5) 98
8 (3) 460 LANCASHIRE LIFE 62 (Mrs D Lawrence) E Alston 7-9 D Wright (5) 91

BETTING: 11-4 Best Kept Secret, 3-1 Close To Reality, 6-1 Millicent North, 7-1 A Million Watts, Grey Toppa, 15-2 No Mean City, 14-1 Lucky Fourteen, 20-1 Lancashire Life.

1992: SILVER LOCKS 9-4 N Connorton (33-1) Miss S Hall 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

BEST KEPT SECRET 4l 4th of 6 to Cyarna Quinn in a nursery at Pontefract (6f, soft). CLOSE TO REALITY beat My Lifetime Lady neck in an 11-runner handicap at Thirsk (6f, firm) on penultimate start with LUCKY FOURTEEN (11lb better off) 11¾l 9th. MILLICENT NORTH 1½l 2nd of 9 to Vercingetorix at Goodwood (6f, good to soft) with BEST KEPT SECRET (7lb better off) 3½l 3rd on penultimate start. A MILLION WATTS 2½l 2nd of 16 to Mheanmetoo in a maiden auction at Thirsk (7f, firm). NO MEAN CITY 3¾l 3rd of 8 to Smart Pet in a nursery at Newcastle (5f, good to firm) on penultimate start. GREY TOPPA beat Nordico Princess 1½l in an 11-runner nursery at Ripon (5f, good to firm).
Selection: GREY TOPPA

4.35 BRODICK CLAIMING STAKES (£3,048: 1m) (15 runners)

1 (1) 006120 AFFORDABLE 11 (F,G) (Q Isbird) S Norton 5-9-0 Paul Eddery 84
2 (6) 524105 BATTLE COLOURS 17 (D,BF,F,G) (G Insoll) M Prescott 4-8-12 K Darley ⊕
3 (5) 0-40 BOLD STAR 16 (J Graham) R Hollinshead 3-8-10 W R Swinburn 84
4 (8) 0 PALACE MAN 18 (Mrs A Sims) P Murphy 5-8-10 S Drowne (7) –
5 (14) 130-600 MONTONE 48 (G) (Purple Silks) C Booth 3-8-6 A Culhane 77
6 (9) 242500 PANTHER 70 (Mrs C Ashworth) J Hetherton 3-8-4 N Kennedy (3) 85
7 (11) 315545 BOLD DESIRE 20 (C,D,S) (T Mowbray) M Brittain 3-8-2 J Marshall (5) 68
8 (3) 0-00400 MATTS BOY 11 (D,F,S) (C Platts) Miss S Hall 5-8-2 S Maloney (3) 81
9 (12) 043500 PAULINUS 13 (D Smith) Denys Smith 5-8-2 L Charnock 63
10 (15) 530020 ROCK OPERA 15 (V,F) (P Davies) M Naughton 5-8-2 D McCabe (5) 85
11 (7) 230042 RUNRIG 59 (Strathmore Racing) Miss L Perratt 3-7-13 J Fanning 77
12 (13) 252230 LOMBARD SHIPS 13 (B,CD,F,G,S) (Mrs D Mitchell) A Bailey 6-7-11 A Mackay 98
13 (4) 330- ANNE'S BAY 405 (Mrs S Clarke) D Moffatt 3-7-9 Darren Moffatt (5) –
14 (10) 204258 DRUMDONNA 11 (C,D,G,S) (Mrs N Peebles) J Berry 3-7-9 N Carlisle 83
15 (2) 026000 DESIRABLE MISS 13 (V,S) (Northgate Lodge Racing) M Brittain 3-7-7 J Lowe 75

BETTING: 7-2 Lombard Ships, 4-1 Battle Colours, 13-2 Drumdonna, 8-1 Affordable, 10-1 Bold Star, 12-1 Rock Opera, 16-1 Matts Boy, 20-1 others

1992: HOULSTON'S WILL 3-8-5 K Fallon (6-1) (Mrs J Ramsden) 12 ran

5.05 EGLINTON & WINTON HANDICAP
(£4,299: 2m 1f 105yd) (11 runners)

1 (7) 550-30 MELODY MOUNTAIN 11 (A Norman) C Brittain 4-10-0 M Birch 90
2 (3) 100-232 JAWANI 17 (V,D,F,G) (Mrs S Scargill) J Scargill 5-9-5 K Rutter (5) 96
3 (9) 415-6U5 SILLARS STALKER 144 (CD,S) (Sillars Engineering) Mrs J Ramsden 5-9-4 K Fallon 94
4 (5) 115001 HUNTING GROUND 8 (B,F,G) (Esprit de Corps) A Bailey 5-9-4 (3ex) W Carson 97
5 (1) 234451 BRIGGSMAID 11 (C,F,G) (F Briggs Racing) J Eustace 5-9-2 (3ex) M Tebbutt ⊕
6 (8) 5000-00 ROLLING THE BONES 21 (CD,S) (M Hyman) M Naughton 4-9-0 D McCabe (5) 94
7 (2) 6-22623 CHANTRY BARTLE 17 (F) (Mrs J Kirk Scott) C Thornton 7-8-7 J Fanning 96
8 (10) 134564 BILBERRY 17 (G) (N Hetherton) W Elsey 4-8-3 N Kennedy (3) 96
9 (4) 46053-0 SERAPHIM 11 (F) (Mrs B Ramsden) A Harrison 4-8-2 K Darley 92
10 (6) 166666 MINGUS 17 (F,S) (A Antonelli) R Fisher 6-8-2 J Lowe 97
11 (11) 120-060 SEXY MOVER 17 (F) (A Crook) W Storey 6-7-7 L Charnock 98

Long handicap: Sexy Mover 7-3.

BETTING: 9-2 Briggsmaid, 11-2 Jawani, Hunting Ground, 13-2 Chantry Bartle, Bilberry, 8-1 Melody Mountain, 10-1 Sillars Stalker, 12-1 Rolling The Bones, Seraphim, 14-1 Mingus, 16-1 Sexy Mover.

1992: SILLARS STALKER 4-8-3 M Roberts (5-2 fav) Mrs J Ramsden 19ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
J Dunlop	8	21	38.1	M Hills	15	60	25.0
B Hills	16	43	37.2	K Darley	38	199	19.1
Mrs J Ramsden	15	62	24.2	W Carson	7	37	18.9
W Jarvis	3	14	21.4	M Tebbutt	4	23	17.4
M H Easterby	17	103	16.5	J Marshall	3	19	15.8
P Walwyn	4	25	16.0	M Birch	17	109	15.6

NEWBURY

THUNDERER

2.05 Moorish
2.40 King's Signet
3.10 Balanchine
3.40 King's Theatre
4.10 CRACKLING (nap)
4.40 Platini
5.10 Mt Templeman

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.40 SURPRISE OFFER.
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.05 Ghost Tree. 4.40 Yawara.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT IN BACK STRAIGHT) SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M STR, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.05 WINCHESTER ASSET MANAGEMENT HANDICAP
(£5,816: 7f 64yd) (14 runners)

101 (2) 03-3225 LEE ARTISTE 78 (C,F) (E Jameson) P Cole 5-10-0 T Quinn 89
102 (1) 4-34150 MOORISH 91 (D,S) (F Salman) P Cole 3-9-11 T G McLaughlin (7) 88
103 (7) 2152 GHOST TREE 7 (D,G) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-9-7 M Roberts 91
104 (9) 303451 CHILI HEIGHTS 20 (C,D,G,S) (B Attenborough) G Balding 3-9-4 J Williams 86
105 (3) 040002 RAKIS 13 (B,D,S) (H Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 3-9-3 R Hills 89
106 (11) 0146 SHARP PROSPECT 78 (S) (Pendley Associates) P Harris 3-9-0 W Ryan 80
107 (4) 300363 FRIENDLY BRAVE 18 (T Mills) T Mills 3-8-9 J Reid 91
108 (14) 300011 DASWAKI 3 (D,F,G,S) (D Allen) G Moore 5-8-8 (7ex) B Rouse ⊕
109 (10) 00-0000 POETS COVE 37 (F,S) (Miss J Winch) M McCormack 5-8-7 A Clark –
110 (13) 562312 TEANARCO 15 (D,F,G,S) (B Symonds) P Murphy 5-8-7 Pat Eddery 88
111 (5) 310520 TONY'S MIST 10 (G) (Mrs C Harrington) R Hannon 3-8-4 D O'Neill (7) 85
112 (6) 054014 WILL SOON 10 (D,G) (H Candy) H Candy 4-8-4 W Newnes 88
113 (12) 0-50054 KIMBERLEY PARK 3 (D,G) (G Mills) D Arbuthnot 5-8-0 B Doyle (3) 91
114 (8) 205-000 ABSO 10 (B,D,F,G) (P Oliver) B Millman 5-7-12 G Bardwell 82

BETTING: 4-1 Ghost Tree, 9-2 Daswaki, 5-1 Moorish, 6-1 Chili Heights, Teanarco, 8-1 Rakis, Will Soon, 10-1 Kimberley Park, 12-1 Lee Artiste, 14-1 Friendly Brave, 16-1 others

1992: LA DAMA BONITA 3-8-2 G Bardwell (25-1) D Arbuthnot 17 ran

2.40 TONY STRATTON SMITH MEMORIAL CONDITIONS STAKES (BBC2)
(£6,508: 5f 34yd) (8 runners)

201 (5) 423011 GORINSKY 27 (F,G,S) (D) (W Robertson) J Berry 5-9-10 T Quinn 85
202 (2) 00-1131 KING'S SIGNET 9 (D,F,G,S) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-9-10 M Roberts 93
203 (1) 25-0405 SPANIARDS CLOSE 102 (D,G,S) (Avon Industries Ltd) P Makin 5-9-5 L Piggott 86
204 (4) 565840 MEDAILLE D'OR 16 (V,D,F,G,S) (J Barrett) J Payne 5-9-2 J Williams 81
205 (8) 3-43102 SURPRISE OFFER 16 (B,D,G,S) (Lord Carnarvon) R Hannon 3-9-2 B Raymond ⊕
206 (3) 352112 TUSCAN DAWN 27 (D,BF,G,S) (Mrs C Deuters) J Berry 3-9-2 Pat Eddery 82
207 (7) 2-61345 PETERSFORD GIRL 42 (G) (T Peters) Miss Jacqueline S Doyle 3-8-9 J Reid 84
208 (6) 654-064 ANONYMOUS 9 (D,S) (Mrs J Heslop) C Brittain 3-8-8 B Doyle 78

BETTING: 7-4 Surprise Offer, 9-4 King's Signet, 6-1 Medaille D'Or, 8-1 Spaniards Close, 10-1 Gorinsky, 12-1 Anonymous, 14-1 Tuscan Dawn, 16-1 Petersford Girl

1992: WOLFHOUND 3-8-11 S Cauthen (6-5 fav) J Gosden 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

GORINSKY beat Fangio short head in 13-runner handicap at Sandown (5f, good to firm). KING'S SIGNET dead-heated with Marina Park in 7-runner listed race at Doncaster (5f, soft) with ANONYMOUS (5lb better off) 5½l 4th. MEDAILLE D'OR 8l 4th of 7 to Lochsong in listed race at Sandown (5f, good to firm) on penultimate start. SPANIARDS CLOSE 3l 5th of 9 to Sea Gazer in group III Ballyogan Stakes at Leopardstown (5f, good). SURPRISE OFFER neck 2nd of 13 to Robin Des Pins in group II Jacobs Goldene Peitsche at Baden-Baden (6f, good). TUSCAN DAWN 1½l 2nd of 11 to Macfarlane in handicap at Chester (5f, soft). PETERSFORD GIRL 1¾l 5th of 11 to Samsolom in handicap at Newmarket (6f, good to firm).
Selection: SURPRISE OFFER

3.10 STARFLIGHT AVIATION FILLIES CONDITIONS STAKES (BBC2)
(2-Y-O: £6,679: 7f) (5 runners)

301 (1) 1 BALANCHINE 15 (D,F) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-10 J Reid ⊕
302 (3) 0 CHITA RIVERA 53 (R Marchant) P Makin 8-8 B Raymond –
303 (2) LALA MUSA (Marwan Al-Maktoum) C Brittain 8-8 M Roberts –
304 (5) MOUNTAIN BALLET (The Queen) I Balding 8-8 Pat Eddery –
305 (4) NOBLISSIMA (Mrs E Ogden White) J Dunlop 8-8 T Quinn –

BETTING: 1-2 Balanchine, 9-2 Mountain Ballet, 8-1 Lala Musa, 12-1 Noblissima, 20-1 Chita Rivera.

1992: SUEBOOG 8-8 L Dettori (11-2) C Brittain 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

BALANCHINE beat Devolee 3l in 15-runner maiden at Salisbury (7f, good to firm). CHITA RIVERA 19l 10th of 17 to Pelula in maiden auction at Windsor (6f, good). LALA MUSA (foaled May 17) sister by Kris to Landowner, smart middle-distance performer. MOUNTAIN BALLET (May 1) half-sister by Shareef Dancer to High Summer, 1m 3f-1m 6f winner. NOBLISSIMA (Apr 29) sister by Sadler's Wells to Scribe, 7f juvenile winner.
Selection: BALANCHINE

3.40 HAYNES, HANSON AND CLARK CONDITIONS STAKES (BBC2)
(2-Y-O colts & geldings: £6,369: 1m str) (8 runners)

401 (4) 51 KING'S THEATRE 15 (D,G) (M Poland) H Cecil 8-13 W Ryan 95
402 (5) 24 ASTRAL WEEKS 10 (G Howard-Spink) R Hannon 8-11 M Roberts 86
403 (8) 4 BRANDON COURT 35 (R Michaelson) I Balding 8-11 B Raymond 80
404 (7) 6 KHAMASEEN 76 (BF) (Prince A A Faisal) J Dunlop 8-11 L Piggott 80
405 (1) NEW ALBION (K Abdulla) R Charlton 8-11 Pat Eddery –
406 (3) 0 PERSIAN SAINT 37 (Whitcombe Manor Ltd) D Elsworth 8-11 J Williams –
407 (6) RUBHAHUNISH (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-11 J Reid –
408 (2) 2 STAR SELECTION 127 (M Arbib) P Cole 8-11 T Quinn ⊕

BETTING: 9-4 King's Theatre, 7-2 Star Selection, 4-1 Rubhahunish, 5-1 New Albion, 6-1 Astral Weeks, 8-1 Brandon Court, 12-1 Khamaseen, 16-1 Persian Saint.

1992: PEMBROKE 9-2 S Cauthen (4-5 fav) J Gosden 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

KING'S THEATRE beat Sherman 5l in 9-runner maiden at Yarmouth (1m, good). ASTRAL WEEKS 2¼l 4th of 20 to Mytilene in maiden at Leicester (7f, good to firm). BRANDON COURT 15¼l last of 4 to Colonel Collins in listed race at Newbury (7f, good). KHAMASEEN 8¼l 6th of 12 to Silver Wedge in maiden at Sandown (7f, good to firm). NEW ALBION (foaled Apr 16; cost $235,000) half-brother by Pleasant Colony to several winners, including useful 7f-1m winner Zarbyev. PERSIAN SAINT 15l 8th of 10 to Majestic Eagle in maiden at Salisbury (6f, good to firm). RUBHAHUNISH (Mar 22) by Darshaan, dam a winner at up to 1m in France. STAR SELECTION 2½l 2nd of 10 to State Performer in maiden at York (6f, good).
Selection: STAR SELECTION

4.10 TRINIFOLD SILVER CLEF HANDICAP (BBC2)
(Ladies: £6,255: 1m 4f 5yd) (22 runners)

501 (19) 414542 SAINT CIEL 34J (F,S) (Tam Racing) F Jordan 5-11-7 Miss Diana Jones 94
502 (10) 416100 BALADIYA 23 (D,G,S) (Mrs R Hawes) D Morris 6-11-4 Mrs L Morris (5) 91
503 (18) 566464 SONG OF SIXPENCE 17 (C,D,F,G,S) (P Mellon) I Balding 9-11-3 Miss C Balding 93
504 (9) 000/ VERSATILE 1238J (C,S) (Mrs B Cox) Mrs S Williams 9-11-3 Miss L Eaton –
505 (8) 043150 RAPPORTEUR 18 (D,F,G) (R Bensoon) C Elsey 7-11-2 Miss A Elsey (5) 93
506 (5) 0164-36 LATIN LEADER 148 (F) (Ellie Racing Club) C Egerton 3-11-1 Miss V Snowdon (5) 92
507 (12) 64023-8 CASPIAN BELUGA 13 (D,G,S) (L Hawkings) Mrs A Knight 5-11-0 Miss S A Billot 83
508 (3) 30-5002 MATCHING GREEN 58 (S) (Miss B Swire) G Balding 4-10-11 Miss K Greanay (5) 89
509 (7) 30/0450- DISTANT MEMORY 8J (Mrs A Weston) P Hobbs 4-10-9 Mrs S Hobbs –
510 (11) 120320 SCENIC DANCER 14 (D,F,G) (A Hide) A Hide 5-10-4 Miss L Hide 94
511 (15) 211200 STRAT'S LEGACY 23 (D,BF,F,G) D Arbuthnot 6-10-2 Mrs D Arbuthnot 91
512 (4) 400433- MERRY MARIGOLD 419 (D,G,S) R Hodges 7-10-1 Miss A Sanders (5) 90
513 (13) 016255 SPARKY'S SONG 18 (F) (Mrs A Barwick) J Hills 3-10-1 Miss S Francome (5) 96
514 (1) 603000 ALBERT 17 (D,F,G,S) (T Riley-Smith) D Wilson 6-10-0 Mrs P Nash 95
515 (17) 3/0-0600 THRESHFIELD 30 (F) (Mrs B Curley) B Curley 7-9-13 Mrs K Walsh (5) 87
516 (2) 600 GENTLEMAN SID 16 (Miss J Collison) R Dickin 3-9-13 Miss S Dackett (5) 91
517 (14) 0000/00- KALAMOSS 120J (N Mitchell) N Mitchell 4-9-13 Miss S Mitchell –
518 (6) 000100 FAIRY WISHER 11 (D,G) (Miss M Sheridan) M Barraclough 4-9-11 Miss A Harwood 90
519 (20) 003034 LEXUS 8 (G) (Marriott Stables Ltd) R Williams 5-9-9 Mrs M Cowdrey ⊕
520 (22) 000400 FORTUNE STAR 18 (S) (J Bridger) J Bridger 4-9-9 Miss M Bridger (5) 93
521 (21) 000540 CRACKLING 18 (G) (D Marchant) D Marks 4-9-7 Miss K Marks 98
522 (16) 0606-31 HEAD TURNER 4 (G) (I Jerrard) C Wildman 5-9-6 (5ex) Mrs S Bosley 94

BETTING: 6-1 Strat's Legacy, 13-2 Saint Ciel, 7-1 Caspian Beluga, 8-1 Baladiya, Matching Green, Lexus, 10-1 Albert, Crackling, Song Of Sixpence, 12-1 Sparky's Song, Threshfield, Scenic Dancer, 14-1 others.

1992: LOTS OF LUCK 9-10-9 Mrs L Pearce (5-1) J Pearce 20 ran

FORM FOCUS

SAINT CIEL ¾l 2nd of 7 to Dorazine in handicap at Haydock (1m 2f 120yd, soft). SONG OF SIXPENCE 4¼l 4th of 9 to Lobilio in apprentices' rated stakes at Epsom (1m 4f, good to firm). RAPPORTEUR'S best recent effort when beating Aremef 5l in 8-runner handicap at Lingfield (1m 3f 106yd, good). SCENIC DANCER 4l 2nd of 10 to Mysterious Maid in lady riders' handicap at Yarmouth (1m 6f, good) on penultimate start. STRAT'S LEGACY's best recent effort when 7l 2nd of 8 to La Reine Rouge in handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m 4f). LEXUS 1l 3rd of 7 to Big Pat in handicap at Folkestone (1m 4f, good to firm) on penultimate start.
Selection: LEXUS

4.40 VICTOR CHANDLER STAKES
(Nursery handicap: 2-Y-O: £5,309: 7f 64yd) (11 runners)

601 (8) 2014 BRIERLEY 24 (F) (Mrs G Forbes) B Smart 9-7 R Perham 93
602 (5) 450 REED MY LIPS 30 (Fairly Stable) P Walwyn 9-6 P Robinson 80
603 (11) 06214 BLURRED IMAGE 32 (F) (N Ahamad) R Hannon 9-3 Pat Eddery 89
604 (2) 42602 YAWARA 9 (Y Ito) C Brittain 9-3 B Doyle (3) 94
605 (7) 634 SOOLAIMON 20 (Mrs S Thomas) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 J Reid 97
606 (9) 040 PLATINI 12 (Highflyers) R Hannon 8-12 M Roberts 91
607 (10) U0360 FOLLY FINNESSE 38 (R Withers) B Millman 8-11 S Whitworth 87
608 (1) 000 TANBIH 20 (H Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 8-10 R Hills 87
609 (4) 0050 PLUNDER BAY 17 (Mrs S Robins) G Lewis 8-10 B Raymond ⊕
610 (6) 520 SANGARE 36 (Mrs N Elwes) J Dunlop 8-10 T Quinn 90
611 (3) 060 WIZARD KING 64 (Ahmed Al-Maktoum) M Prescott 8-0 G Bardwell –

BETTING: 7-2 Yawara, 4-1 Soolaimon, 9-2 Blurred Image, 5-1 Plunder Bay, 6-1 Platini, 8-1 Sangare, 10-1 Brierley, 12-1 Reed My Lips, Tanbih, 14-1 others

1992: SHAMAM 9-0 W Carson (5-1) P Walwyn 8 ran

5.10 KINTBURY MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,720: 1m str) (9 runners)

1 (6) FIRE CARPET (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 M Roberts –
2 (4) 238460 FLASHFEET 13 (P Purdy) B Forsey 9-0 N Adams 94
3 (7) KATIE'S KID (Mrs S Harraway) T Casey 9-0 T Rogers –
4 (8) LUNAR PRINCE (R Ghylleoert) P McBride 9-0 G Bardwell –
5 (3) 2520 MT TEMPLEMAN 16 (G Strawbridge) I Balding 9-0 Pat Eddery 97
6 (5) 0- ROYAL EXECUTIVE 329 (C Brittain) C Brittain 9-0 B Doyle (3) –
7 (2) 2-3 TAJHIZ 27 (BF) (H Al-Maktoum) J Gosden 9-0 R Hills 90
8 (1) 0-05203 VILLAGE GREEN 10 (V) (A Richards) K Cunningham-Brown 9-0 T Quinn ⊕
9 (9) 4 WINDRUSH LADY 97 (M Wilkins) M McCormack 8-9 J Reid 84

BETTING: 2-1 Tajhiz, 3-1 Fire Carpet, 7-2 Mt Templeman, 5-1 Village Green, 8-1 Windrush Lady, 12-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
P Chapple-Hyam	17	51	33.3	Pat Eddery	51	266	19.2
H Cecil	28	103	27.2	M Roberts	38	259	14.7
J Gosden	20	100	20	J Reid	20	178	11.2
J Berry	7	41	17.1	T Quinn	19	181	10.5
R Charlton	13	80	16.3	L Piggott	6	60	10.0
I Balding	20	195	10.3	(Only qualifiers)			

HUNTINGDON

THUNDERER

2.20 Nomadic Fire. 2.50 Bustinello. 3.20 Lusty Lad. 3.55 Al Hashimi. 4.25 Southerly Buster. 5.00 Eid.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

2.20 UPWOOD NOVICES SELLING HURDLE
(3-Y-O: £1,480: 2m 110yd) (15 runners)

1 U13 CASHABLE 18 (D,BF,F) J Jenkins 11-5 S Smith Eccles
2 0156 LADY GAIL 2 (F) J Spearing 11-0 A Webb
3 02 DOCTOR-J 20 M Heaton-Ellis 10-12 S Keightley
4 42 GRANDERISE 28 (BF) N Tinkler 10-12 G McCourt
5 MISTER BLAKE 34F I Campbell 10-12 R Campbell
6 242 NOMADIC FIRE 6 (B) D Wintle 10-12 A Maguire
7 OLICANA 17F M Hammond 10-12 C Grant
8 SOUTHAMPTON 14F G Balding 10-12 J Railton
9 34 ARE YOU HAPPY 18 (BF) J Upson 10-7 R Supple
10 26 GLEAM OF GOLD 8 R Dickin 10-7 D Meredith (3)
11 0 GOLDEN TARGET 13 R Brotherton 10-7 D Bridgwater
12 04 KISS IN THE DARK 20 Mrs M Reveley 10-7 P Niven
13 2 LADY OF SHADOWS 42 S Dow 10-7 A Dicken (5)
14 MY SISTER LUCY 43F A Jarvis 10-7 T Jarvis
15 5 SOLAR KNIGHT 39 K Bridgwater 10-7 W Humphreys

3-1 Nomadic Fire, 9-2 Olicana, 5-1 Granderise, 6-1 Lady Gail, 7-1 Cashable, 8-1 Kiss In The Dark, 10-1 Are You Happy, Lady Of Shadows, 12-1 others.

2.50 TOTE/RACING POST TEN TO FOLLOW NOVICES CHASE (£2,196: 2m 110yd) (3)

1 0-63 ABLE PLAYER 3 (F,G,S) Mrs S Bramall 6-11-0 J Burke (7)
2 130-5 MIDDAY SHOW 13 (G) J Jenkins 6-11-0 S Smith Eccles
3 00- BUSTINELLO 148 F Murphy 5-10-12 A Maguire

11-8 Able Player, 13-8 Bustinello, 11-4 Midday Show

3.20 GOODLIFF HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,127: 2m 110yd) (12)

1 0-12 SRIVIJAYA 30 (D,BF,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-10 P Niven
2 /FP-3 LUSTY LAD 16 (CD,F,G) M Haynes 8-11-4 G McCourt
3 64-2 KING WILLIAM 9F (CD,BF,F) J Spearing 8-11-1 A Maguire
4 534/ WINDWARD ARIOM 582 (D,F,G,S) K Burke 7-10-10 R Marley
5 1F-3 JUST ROSIE 16 (F) A Turnell 4-10-6 S McNeill
6 0/6F- SILENT CHANT 335 (F) A Blackmore 9-10-1 R Dunwoody
7 040- HATS HIGH 158 (B,D,G,S) F Gray 8-10-0 M Crosse
8 011- HALLO MAM 107 (D,F) O Brennan 4-10-0 M Brennan
9 2PF- GREENWINE 109 (D,F,G) Mrs L Richards 7-10-0 M Richards
10 144- DENNINGTON 158 (C,G) F Murphy 5-10-0 P Murphy (7)
11 0P5- CASTLERICHARDKING 111 (G) R Juckes 8-10-0 W Humphreys
12 00P/ FAILAND 39F (D,F) R Brotherton 6-10-0 D Bridgwater

5-2 Just Rosie, 4-1 King William, 9-2 Srivijaya, 5-1 Lusty Lad, 8-1 Hallo Mam, 12-1 Dennington, 14-1 Windward Ariom, 16-1 others.

3.55 OLD FLETTON CLAIMING CHASE
(£2,427: 2m 110yds) (10)

1 /2F-2 MAGIC SOLDIER 18 (D,F,G,S) A Fowler 8-11-10 R Marley
2 232- AL HASHIMI 158 (D,F,G) R Hodges 9-11-8 R Dunwoody
3 -111 FASTBIT 27 (D,F) K Bailey 6-11-8 M Williamson
4 -231 TINAS LAD 16 (D,F,G,S) J Edwards 10-11-8 A Maguire
5 3-32 POLDER 17 (D,F,G) D Williams 7-11-4 R Davis (5)
6 65-4 AFRICAN SAFARI 9 (D,F) Mrs S Smith 9-11-0 J Callaghan
7 1P/UP SHARP ORDER 7 (D,F,S) T Caldwell 8-11-0 Pat Caldwell
8 213- VULRORY'S CLOWN 105 (D,F,G,S) O Brennan 15-10-10 M Brennan
9 5-13 DULZURA 18 (F) A Jarvis 5-10-7 T Jarvis
10 22-4 BILL AND COUP 34 (F,G) K Morgan 8-10-6 A S Smith

1 Al Hashimi, 11-4 Fastbit, 4-1 Tinas Lad, 8-1 Magic Soldier, 12-1 Polder, –1 Vulrory's Clown, Dulzura, 16-1 others

[illegible].25 HOLBEACH HANDICAP CHASE
[illegible]2,635: 3m) (6)

1 111- ASSAGLAWI 121 (C,D,F,G) Miss H Knight 11-12-0 R Dunwoody
2 1/PP- SOUTHERLY BUSTER 283 (D,F,G) O Sherwood 10-11-8 J Osborne
3 -121 MISTER FEATHERS 9 (F,G) J King 12-10-6 (8ex) J R Kavanagh
4 2-12 LOCAL CUSTOMER 6 (F) P Bradley 8-10-2 W Humphreys
5 P315 THEY ALL FORGOT ME 8 (F,G) T Casey 6-10-0 A Maguire
6 250- GLEBE PRINCE 109 (F) R Rowe 13-10-0 L Dace (7)

Assaglawi 5-2 Mister Feathers, 4-1 Local Customer, 5-1 Southerly Buster, They All Forgot Me, 20-1 Glebe Prince.

[illegible]00 SPALDING NOVICES HURDLE
[illegible]480: 2m 5f 110yd) (12)

00/P ASSEMBLY DANCER 4F D Williams 6-11-0 R Davis (5)
03 BARE HIGHLANDER 9 R Hodges 7-11-0 R Dunwoody
BOULEY BAY Mrs I McKie 5-11-0 L Harvey
/6-65 JOTO 9 O Prince 6-11-0 S Smith Eccles
B/ PERSIAN SOLDIER 13F Mrs M Reveley 6-11-0 P Niven
/50 ROCKY ROMANCE 13 R Curtis 6-11-0 D Morris
PP-6 SKY VENTURE 22 (B) C Trietline 9-11-0 S Earle
THE MAN FROM CLARE A Jarvis 5-11-0 T Jarvis
100- WHISTLING BUCK 184 (S) R Rowe 5-11-0 H Davies
30-1 EID 9 (F) M Meade 4-10-12 W Marston (3)
0 SARAMPOUR 28 N Tinkler 4-10-12 G McCourt
05-0 SALLY SOHAM 18 F Murphy 5-10-9 P Murphy (7)

5-1 Persian Soldier, 8-1 Sarampour, Whistling Buck, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

[illegible]NERS: Mrs S Bramall, 3 winners from 6 runners, 50.0%; Mrs M [illegible]ey, 6 from 18, 33.3%; F Murphy, 21 from 109, 19.3%; J Upson, 9 [illegible] 45, 18.4%; Miss H Knight, 4 from 23, 17.4%; C Trietline, 5 from [illegible] 7.2%

[illegible]EYS: P Niven, 4 wins from 19 rides, 21.1%; R Dunwoody, 22 [illegible] 108, 20.4%; G McCourt, 6 from 32, 18.8%; H Davies, 12 from [illegible] 5.5%, A Maguire, 14 from 77, 18.2%; A Smith, 5 from 34, 14.7%.

[illegible]dhish (Walter Swinburn), trained by Ben [illegible]ury, finished a creditable third behind [illegible] in Street in the group three £23,895 Prix [illegible]-et-Oise (6f) at Maisons-Laffitte yesterday. [illegible] completed a one-two for the winning [illegible] John Hammond. Hanbury was [illegible] with his colt's performance and said: "I [illegible]d him to be held up and be there at the [illegible] but the ground was too heavy."

Blinkered first time

[illegible] Lucky Fourteen. 4.35 Rock Opera. NEWBURY: 5.10 [illegible]n. SOUTHWELL: 3.00 Not For Joe, Sporting Story.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER

2.30 Kiltroum. 3.00 Not For Joe. 3.30 Ruby Estate. 4.00 Eleuthera. 4.30 Carrolls Marc. 5.00 Taunting.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.30 NEWARK MAIDEN HANDICAP
(£2,243: 7f) (16 runners)

1 4430 WEE SARAH 137 T Barron 5-9-12 V Halliday (7) 1
2 0365 COVEN MOON 37J (V) P Hedger 3-9-2 D Holland 11
3 6300 MOLLY BRAZEN 18 J Etherington 3-9-2 G Duffield 3
4 0400 BLUE TRUMPET 66 D Burchell 3-9-1 R Price 10
5 3458 FAMILY ROSE 41J Miss Gay Kelleway 4-8-11 Stephen Davies (3) 2
6 0006 MISS KINABALU 18 G Wragg 3-8-10 F Norton 5
7 4556 SAMANTHAS JOY 71 A Potts 3-8-10 C Hodgson (3) 16
8 0002 KILTROUM 13 (V) C Tinkler 4-8-7 L Dettori 6
9 0005 PRETTY CHIC 13 (B) D Chapman 4-8-7 S Wood 12
10 5002 DOUBLE THE STAKES 13 (B) F Lee 4-8-3 R Lappin 15
11 0000 FREDDIE JACK 20 (B) F Lee 3-8-3 J Fortune 13
12 3643 NOBLE MEASURE 21 (B) S Bowring 3-8-0 J Quinn 7
13 4608 MUMMYS ROCKET 28 (B) A Bailey 4-7-13 A Tucker 9
14 5020 LETTERMORE 20 Mrs M Reveley 3-7-12 D Harrison 4
15 4600 CHRISTIAN WARRIOR 18 (V) R Peacock 4-7-11 A McGlone 14
16 -500 BECKYHANNAH 106 R Bastiman 3-7-10 Dale Gibson 8

7-2 Noble Measure, 9-2 Kiltroum, 5-1 Miss Kinabalu, 6-1 Double The Stakes, 8-1 Molly Brazen, Family Rose, 10-1 Coven Moon, Wee Sarah, 12-1 others.

3.00 ASFORDBY WELL DONE SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,070: 7f) (16)

1 1054 GOLDEN BRAND 18 (C,G) R Williams 9-2 R Cochrane 1
2 00 LITTLE IBNR 11 N Callaghan 8-11 M Wigham 4
3 8206 NOT FOR JOE 27 (B) W Muir 8-11 L Dettori 2
4 00 PINATUBO 20 H Candy 8-11 Sarah Holland (7) 7
5 00 RISKY GIFT 42 Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11 G Duffield 8
6 5623 STARSPORT 11 (B) J Berry 8-11 J Fortune 14
7 5 SUPERHOO 42 C Thornton 8-11 T Williams 10
8 000 TOOGOODFORYOU 35 N Bycroft 8-11 W Woods 9
9 5040 WADDLE 27 M Tompkins 8-11 S Mulvey (7) 12
10 0440 CHARLIES DREAM 44 K Burke 8-6 J Quinn 3
11 3400 HONEST WOMAN 11 J Spearing 8-6 R Price 16
12 5 LOOKIN' ROSIE 18 J Scargill 8-6 S Webster 6
13 SHARADA N Graham 8-6 A McGlone 11
14 6400 SHARP SUMMIT 23 B Rothwell 8-6 D Harrison 5
15 060 SPORTING STORY 22 (B) M Usher 8-6 D Holland 13
16 020 THATCHED ROOF 34 M W Easterby 8-6 C Dwyer 15

9-4 Starsport, 7-2 Charlies Dream, 9-2 Golden Brand, 6-1 Not For Joe, 8-1 Little Ibnr, 10-1 Waddle, Honest Woman, 12-1 Risky Gift, Superhoo, 14-1 others.

3.30 EBF REED FARMERS PUBLISHING GROUP MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,270: 1m) (10)

1 500 ALTOBY 28 E Alston 9-0 Stephen Davies (3) 4
2 00 CONVOY POINT 21 M Stoute 9-0 R Cochrane 3
3 00 FOOT TAPPER 18 D Arbuthnot 9-0 R Price 9
4 03 KELLYS! 10 P Cole 9-0 C Rutter 5
5 4233 NORTHERN CELADON 27 M Jarvis 9-0 W Woods 1
6 0022 PRINCE DANZIG 10 D Murray-Smith 9-0 G Duffield 7
7 0 WALDO 10 Lord Huntingdon 9-0 D Harrison 8
8 0 MISTY WISE 18 M Bell 8-9 L Dettori 10
9 420 RUBY ESTATE 18 J Wharton 8-9 J Quinn 6
10 6 WAVELET 71 B Hills 8-9 D Holland 2

3-1 Convoy Point, 7-2 Prince Danzig, 4-1 Wavelet, 5-1 Ruby Estate, 6-1 Northern Celadon, 8-1 Waldo, 10-1 Kellys!, Misty Wise, 20-1 others.

4.00 BRITISH GAS CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,348: 5f) (9)

1 1110 MAJOR SUCCESS 18 (D,F,G) B Hills 9-4 D Holland 4
2 5430 BOLD ARISTOCRAT 18 (CD,G) R Hollinshead 8-10 S Perks 1
3 1006 HILTONS TRAVEL 89 (B,D,S) E Alston 8-10 S Webster 2
4 46 LINCOLN TREASURE 17 M Chapman 8-10 A McGlone 6
5 0144 TRENDY DANCER 34 (CD,B) S Norton 8-10 O Pears (3) 8
6 2454 WINDOW DISPLAY 4 (D,S) Mrs N Macauley 8-10 Dale Gibson 9
7 1605 KANGRA VALLEY 17 (D,S) J Wharton 8-6 J Quinn 7
8 31 ELEUTHERA 23 (D,F) D Loder 8-7 L Dettori 5
9 0220 THE FERNHILL FLYER 55 (V,CD,G) J Berry 8-7 J Fortune 3

5-4 Eleuthera, 9-4 Major Success, 8-1 Bold Aristocrat, 10-1 The Fernhill Flyer, 12-1 Kangra Valley, 14-1 Window Display, 16-1 others.

4.30 FOY & CO LIMITED STAKES
(£2,243: 1m 6f) (11)

1 0481 CARROLLS MARC 23 (C,D,F,G) P Haslam 5-9-7 R Cochrane 2
2 -150 CLIFTON CHASE 17 (B,C,G) J Harris 4-9-7 D Holland 10
3 2200 KARAMOJA 25 (C,G,S) N Graham 4-9-7 A McGlone 7
4 5320 MUST BE MAGICAL 8J (C,G) J Mackie 5-9-7 L Dettori 8
5 05-0 SAILOR BOY 18J (B,F) A Reid 7-9-7 Stephen Davies (3) 5
6 1423 FIRST FLING 14 (C,G) J Scargill 4-9-2 S Webster 1
7 0/00 MRS NORMAN 119 A Potts 4-9-2 C Hodgson (3) 3
8 0610 SALU 9 (F,G,S) J Etherington 4-9-2 G Duffield 11
9 0008 UP ALL NIGHT 18J R Curtis 4-9-2 Dale Gibson 9
10 2212 ARCTIC GUEST 49 (D,BF,F,G) M Johnston 3-8-6 T Williams 6
11 5426 NORTHERN JUDY 35 R Hollinshead 3-8-6 S Perks 4

11-4 Arctic Guest, 7-2 Salu, 4-1 Carrolls Marc, 5-1 Karamoja, 8-1 First Fling, 10-1 Must Be Magical, 12-1 Northern Judy, 14-1 Clifton Chase, 16-1 others.

5.00 KPMG PEAT MARWICK HANDICAP
(£3,805: 1m 4f) (17)

1 6-20 SURE HAVEN 13 (CD,G) M Prescott 4-10-0 G Duffield 14
2 4500 MODEST HOPE 10 (CD,F,G) B Richmond 6-9-11 A Garth (5) 12
3 1225 PHARLY DANCER 55 (CD,BF,G) W Haigh 4-9-10 S Webster 13
4 3522 LOOKINGFORARAINBOW 13 (C,D,F,G) Bob Jones 5-9-9 L Dettori 10
5 3111 DASHING FELLOW 17 (CD,F,G) Mrs L Piggott 5-9-3 J Quinn 9
6 1101 GOODBYE MILLIE 65 (CD,F,G,S) S Norton 3-8-13 O Pears (3) 1
7 0122 HIGH SUMMER 25 (BF,F,G) Lord Huntingdon 3-8-13 D Harrison 7
8 00-0 LOUDEST WHISPER 13 (V) Miss S Wilton 5-8-12 J Fortune 8
9 2495 VAIGLY SUNTHYME 77 J Carr 5-8-9 S Morris 6
10 4303 NOTED STRAIN 39 (CD,G) P Makin 5-8-8 D Holland 3
11 0000 SUNTAN 20J (B,F,S) R O'Leary 4-8-8 S Perks 11
12 2342 TAUNTING 10 (G) M Blanshard 5-8-6 R Cochrane 5
13 3215 DOCTOR ROY 20 (BF,F,G) N Bycroft 5-8-5 W Woods 16
14 2030 BAHER 35 Mrs A Swinbank 4-8-1 Carol Davison (7) 17
15 2221 PREMIER DANCE 18 (D,F,G) D Haydn Jones 6-8-1 R Price 4
16 5100 GALEJADE 8 (F) D Haydn Jones 3-8-0 A McGlone 2
17 5510 POETIC FORM 23 (B,C,G) C Weedon 3-7-13 F Norton 15

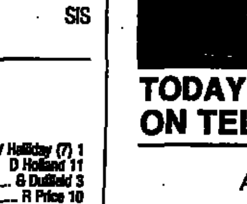
6-1 Lookingforarainbow, 6-1 High Summer, 7-1 Dashing Fellow, 8-1 Sure Haven, Goodbye Millie, 10-1 Pharly Dancer, Premier Dance, Modest Hope, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Loder, 7 winners from 18 runners, 38.9%; Lord Huntingdon, 17 from 73, 23.3%; T Barron, 62 from 277, 22.4%; P Cole, 11 from 50, 22.0%; M Jarvis, 7 from 33, 21.2%; B Hills, 6 from 30, 20.0%.

JOCKEYS: D Holland, 18 winners from 59 rides, 30.5%; L Dettori, 11 from 44, 25.0%; O Pears, 14 from 79, 17.7%; V Halliday, 4 from 23, 17.4%; G Duffield, 42 from 270, 15.6%; S Perks, 15 from 110, 13.6%.

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION



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2.35: Googly is well handicapped but, along with Serotina and Silverlocks, would prefer give in the ground. Bay Queen goes best on sharp tracks and **Queen Warrior** can oblige. Peter Walwyn's filly finished strongly behind Miss Fascination at Epsom.

3.05: Arak looks well treated and loves fast ground but I am keen on the chances of **Tabkir**, the sole representative here from John Dunlop's in-form yard. The lightly-raced Storm Cat colt ran promisingly at Kempton two weeks ago following a long lay-off.

3.35: Braari ran well behind Lemon Souffle at Newmarket before winning impressively at York two weeks ago. But **Monaassabaat** is preferred. Michael Stoute's runner was heavily backed but unfavourably drawn when finishing a good third at Doncaster last week.

4.05: A Million Watts is progressing nicely but steps back in trip, which may not suit. **Grey Toppa** is a filly in form and she ran her best race by far when winning at Ripon last time.

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2.40: Surprise Offer, is the clear form choice. Richard Hannon's sprinter, who beat Lochsong and Monde Bleu at Chantilly in June, returned from a long lay-off to finish a good second in Germany earlier this month. The main threat is King's Signet, who dead-heated in a listed race at Doncaster last week.

3.10: Balanchine, Manton's top juvenile filly, has scared much of the opposition away and it is hard to see what can beat Peter Chapple-Hyam's hope if she reproduces the form which saw her win impressively first time out at Salisbury. Noblissima is well bred and should appreciate the soft ground.

3.40: Star Selection is the form choice but Paul Cole's runner has not been seen since finishing second to State Performer at York in May. Khamaseen was backed down to favouritism on his debut in July and looks sure to improve. New **Albion**, the Roger Charlton runner, looks the part and can begin to repay his $235,000 yearling price tag.

4.10: The booking of Maxine Cowdrey for Lexus is significant, but **Crackling** is preferred. The Doug Marks-trained four-year-old has been crying out for soft ground all year.

RICHARD EVANS

Tough Fylde Flyer to run in Gold Cup

AN ARDUOUS five-day journey home from Sweden will not prevent Fylde Flyer running in tomorrow's Ladbroke Ayr Gold Cup (Julian Muscat writes).

Jack Berry sent Fylde Flyer to Taby to contest the Stockholm Plaza Open Sprint Championship on Sunday but the four-year-old could finish only fifth. Berry subsequently declared the colt a Gold Cup non-runner after the complications involved in getting him home.

However, Fylde Flyer is now expected to return to Britain today and head straight for Ayr, where he will shoulder top weight of 9st 10lb in the six-furlong sprint tomorrow. The sponsors quote him at 33-1 behind the Berry-trained favourite, Garnock Valley, a 12-1 chance.

☐ Lester Piggott will ride Sonus for John Gosden in the Irish St Leger at the Curragh tomorrow. Michael Roberts has been booked for Shaikh Mohammed's other runner, the John Oxx-trained Foresee.

☐ Laurel Queen registered the 22nd success of her career in the Renown Stakes at Lingfield yesterday to set a post-war record for wins by a filly or mare.

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Time runs out as best batsmen of recent years take their leave of international stage

Five heroes fall victim to England's new order

Alan Lee reflects on the departure of a quintet of talented players whose skills enriched Test cricket

England have dispensed with the past. The captain said as much, clearly and uncoded, on Wednesday. And so an entire generation of cricket watchers is left to wrestle with its memories and its conscience, weighing the undoubted logic of such an advance against the redundancy of personalities who, for many, have sustained, nourished or even created an interest in the game.

It is a trait of life that each generation believes its own sporting idols have more charisma and talent than their predecessors. Ten years from now, a new set of mourners may be saying of such as Michael Atherton, or Matthew Maynard or Ian Salisbury, that their like will not be seen again.

'Each generation believes its own sporting idols have more talent than their predecessors'

But for those whose cricketing roots extend back to the late Seventies, there are five enduring figures who symbolise this period in English cricket. It was not a consistently fruitful period but these five men have, or had, survived it, all with distinct reputations and loyal public support. It comes as a shock to realise that their Test careers may have ended, almost simultaneously.

Already this summer, Ian Botham, outrageous and inimitable, has passed from the game. David Gower, the consummate charmer, may be about to follow and would assuredly be wise to do so. Although there is no suggestion that Graham Gooch, pragmatist supreme, or the pugilists, Mike Gatting and Allan Lamb, will depart the county stage just yet, the unavailability of one and the non-selection of the others for the Caribbean tour indicate that we may well have seen the last of them at England level.

Only Gooch is a reasonable bet to regain his place next summer and, if the opening pair of Atherton and Alec Stewart should fare well in the Caribbean, even that will be improbable, if not undesirable. Good, verging on great, Gooch may still be but to displace a man ten years his junior there must now be a wide disparity in returns and expectation.

What can be said with certainty is that an era has passed, this week, and that England's five best batsmen of recent years will never again play together as, so wistful memory persuades, they did for so long.

In fact, this is a trick of the mind. Though their careers have coincided in terms of longevity, they seldom appeared in the same England side. Two of the five, at least, have been present on each of the last 15 England overseas tours, stretching back to 1977, and yet, curiously, all five toured together just once. It was, ironically, to the West Indies, and it was an unmitigated disaster.

Indeed, only in two consecutive series is the ubiquitous image of our quintet reflected by *Wisden*. They were ever-present during the 1985 home series, in which Australia were gratifyingly outclassed by a 3-1 margin, and again the following winter in the Caribbean, when the result was rather less distinguished. Gower was captain on both occasions and when he comes to reflect, if he is not already doing so, on his years in the game, he may recall these series as the best of times, the worst of times.

That heady summer of '85 saw the five at their most potent. Gower amassed 732 runs, Gatting 527, Gooch 487 and Lamb 256. Botham took 31 wickets. At the Oval, Gooch and Gower put on 351 for the second England wicket. It was all chums together and Gooch even wrote to Gower, saying what a pleasure it had been to play under him. Later, he was to feel that the reverse was not such fun. But then came the West Indies, the 5-0 "blackwash" and our heroes caught wearing their darker shades.

Gatting's part in that calamitous tour was peripheral after his features were brutally rearranged by a bouncer from Malcolm Marshall. He spent time chafing on the sidelines and striving to justify himself which, for one of his record, too much of his career has involved.

Lamb's role was peripheral, too, though in a different sense. He made few runs — unusual for him against the fast bowling he savoured — and yet was always high profile off the field, not so much in his own right but because he was closely linked with Botham and Gower. This was a mark of his time with England, his own personality being measured by the company he kept.

The caveats to laudation of the other three careers were evident, too, that winter. In Botham's case, this took the varied form of social excess and reclusive resentment; in Gower's, of dealing flippantly with the demands and confinements that come with leadership; and, in Gooch's, of a paranoia that the world was against him and a distracting desire to be somewhere else.

Periodically, these idiosyncracies were to return over the years, reminding us of their defects but, paradoxically, confirming that flaws can be fascinating. How many hours, or column inches, have been expended in discussion of Botham's latest spat, or Gower's exasperating insouciance, or Gooch's agonies of indecision? Without all this, they would not have been less talented cricketers but they would have been less interesting people.

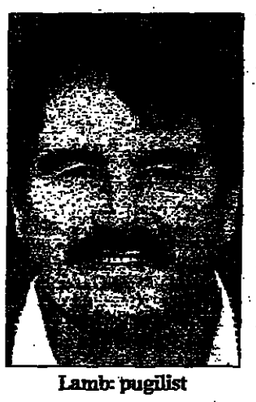
Between them, the five have played 479 Test Matches and captained England 105 times, ranging from Gooch's 35 down to Lamb's three. If this is the end, then three of them (Botham, Gatting and Lamb) bowed out at Lord's, the other two at the Oval. The sadness must be muted for, if it is not to be the end, it will mean that Atherton's brave new world has failed.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Gatting, one of England's best five batsmen of recent times, shoulders arms and is bowled by Radford at New Road, Worcester, yesterday

Botham: inimitable

Gower: charmer



Lamb: pugilist

Gooch: pragmatist

Middlesex slump to season's lowest

By Jack Bailey

WORCESTER (first day of four): Worcestershire three wickets remaining, lead Middlesex by 125 runs

AFTER riding high for so long and taking the championship on the crest of the wave that had carried them along all season, Middlesex were scuppered yesterday in a welter of arms and legs.

Needing only to secure victory here to become the first unbeaten team in a campaign since Lancashire in 1974, they lost the toss and were bowled out for 68 in well under two hours.

They thus achieved a distinction they were not exactly seeking by equalling the lowest score of the season, made by Nottinghamshire against Surrey in July.

The game is by no means over, but on a day when all four Worcestershire bowlers made the ball swing late and often, unlike anyone in the Middlesex attack, Worcestershire's batsmen have ensured that the way back for their opponents will be hard.

Curtis, solidly, Hick, for him somewhat sketchily, and Rhodes with his usual grit and punchy belligerence, made the best of difficult conditions on a day when 17 wickets fell for 261 runs and every bowler fancied his chances.

Conditions first thing yesterday morning were made for Radford, Newport and Lampitt and they made the most of it. The pitch was damp, a legacy of the minor counties final earlier in the week and rain since then.

But it was late movement through the air that wreaked havoc with Middlesex. Radford's penchant for keeping the ball up to the bat was responsible for two early blows from which they never recovered.

After Roseberry had been caught at midwicket from a misjudged pull, Radford produced two beauties for Gatting and Ramprakash.

Gatting did well to get his bat out of the way of a late away swinger, only to see it nip back and clip the outside of his offstump. Ramprakash was legitimately playing the ball toward midwicket, only to be caught at third slip.

What Radford had begun, Newport drove home. After having Haynes caught at slip, he removed Carr, Johnson and Fraser in five balls, and with Lampitt mopping up, the Middlesex rout was complete.

As so often happened this season, Middlesex relied on Tuffnell and Emburey to make inroads. With ample help from Brown (five catches in all) they kept Middlesex in the hunt — just.

Somerset need to rectify weaknesses in batting

By Michael Henderson

IN THE past month, Somerset have been linked with Michael Atherton, Mike Gatting, John Morris, Matthew Maynard, Graham Lloyd, Alan Fordham, John Carr, Basil Brush and Mott the Hoople. Unfortunately for them, Yassir Arafat has more pressing business in hand and Ken Dodd has mislaid his tickling stick.

Bob Cottam, Somerset's coach, said, half amused, half exasperated: "It's getting ridiculous." He is searching for talent which needs a new home.

"I am waiting for my phone to ring, but I can't just go around tapping up players who are under contract at other clubs." Unlike some others, one might add.

The phone did ring at Hartlepool yesterday, three hours after the day was washed out, but the man offering his services was not really the type Cottam had in mind. The club is possibly just one batsman short of a championship-winning side, and Cottam knows it. "Very disappointing," is his judgment of a season which began in splendour and ended in regret.

For the umpteenth time in recent years, Somerset must find a new captain. Chris Tavaré has retired, though not like Peter Roebuck to write about the game, or, like Vic Marks, to report it.

Cottam should know by the time he returns from a holiday in Florida whether he can persuade an outsider to do the job, or whether he has to appoint from within. He appears not to be too concerned but admits that signing a top-order batsman is the priority, which gives a clue.

"When I came here (in 1991), I said the job would take five years, because I knew our batting was vulnerable. We have lost Jimmy Cook, Roebuck and Tavaré in that time and although the younger players have gained experience they have often had to bat in tense situations with no senior batsman at the crease."

Somerset's strength, in accordance with Cottam's expertise, resides in seam bowling where Andre van Troost is now recognised as the fastest bowler in England and Andrew Caddick has won a tour place this winter in spite of, rather than because of, his Test performances, this summer.

Mushtaq Ahmed, the Pakistani leg spinner, has provided support every inch as fine as Somerset could have hoped. At the beginning of the summer Cottam asked all first-team players to submit their season's expectations in a sealed envelope. Before the contracts meeting last month he opened them.

"Mushtaq had written down 80 wickets and 500 runs," he said. "In fact, when I looked, he had taken 80 wickets and scored 498 runs, so you can see he has let me down badly!"

Although the Pakistanis go to Sri Lanka next August, Mushtaq will return to Taunton before then. "I can't fault the man," Cottam said. "He really feels it when we lose."

A team's disappointment always reflects on the players within it. Mark Lathwell has every reason to feel confused after being paraded as the brightest young thing for many a year, only to be dropped like a stone after two Tests.

Caddick, who took ten-wicket hauls in Somerset's first three victories, has been a mere shadow of the match-winner he was in May and, before he bowls another ball, must undergo a hernia operation.

Caddick, 24, will recuperate back in his native New Zealand before returning to join the England squad.

Cottam is not saying where he is looking but it would be surprising if Morris, who relinquished the Derbyshire vice-captaincy earlier this year, and is thought to be less than happy, was not in his sights. Warwickshire, who almost signed him last winter, are also known to be interested even though he was another year to run on his contract.

On his own admission Cottam is the world's worst diplomat. He is, however, a grand coach whose talent might well have been put to use in South Africa this winter on the A team's behalf.

He has no axe to grind, he claims, which is just as well as there was little found of split timber this summer. Next year, Foresters beware.

Lathwell: confused

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

SUSSEX v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

HOVE (first day of four; Gloucestershire won toss): Gloucestershire have scored 172 for four against Sussex

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

B C Broad b Salisbury 45
S G Hinks b Salisbury 68
R I Dawson c Wells b Salisbury 7
M G N Windows c Speight b Salisbury 21
M W Alleyne not out 9
T H C Hancock not out 6
Extras (b 4, lb 3, w 1, nb 16) 24
Total (4 wkts, 61 overs) 172

†R C Russell, M C J Ball, *C A Walsh, K E Cooper and A M Babington to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-98, 2-104, 3-148, 4-157.

BOWLING: Law 9-0-40-0; Stephenson 6-0-16-0; Remy 5-1-22-0; Hemmings 20-11-33-0; Lenham 4-0-11-0; Salisbury 17-5-43-4.

SUSSEX: C W J Athey, N J Lenham, D M Smith *A P Wells, M P Speight, C C Remy, F D Stephenson, †P Moores, I D K Salisbury, D R Law, E E Hemmings.

Bonus Points: Sussex 1, Gloucestershire 0.

Umpires: K E Palmer and P Willey.

WORCESTERSHIRE v MIDDLESEX

WORCESTER (first day of four: Worcestershire won toss): Worcestershire, with three first-innings wickets in hand, are 125 runs ahead of Middlesex

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

D L Haynes c Lampitt b Newport 17
M A Roseberry c Weston b Tolley 8
*M W Gatting b Radford 6
M R Ramprakash c Hick b Radford 4
J D Carr c Rhodes b Newport 10
†K R Brown lbw b Lampitt 0
J E Emburey c Hick b Lampitt 0
M A Feltham not out 3
R L Johnson b Newport 4
A R C Fraser b Newport 4
P C R Tufnell c Hick b Lampitt 4
Extras (lb 1, w 2, nb 9) 9
Total 68

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-23, 3-27, 4-42, 5-43, 6-47, 7-53, 8-57, 9-61.

BOWLING: Radford 7-1-21-2; Tolley 7-3-17-1; Newport 7-0-20-4; Lampitt 6.3-1-9-3.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

*T S Curtis c Brown b Tufnell 41
W P C Weston c Brown b Johnson 17
G A Hick c Brown b Tufnell 41
G R Haynes b Emburey 5
D A Leatherdale lbw b Tufnell 8
†S J Rhodes c Brown b Fraser 35
P J Newport c Brown b Emburey 10
S R Lampitt not out 3
C M Tolley not out 1
Extras (lb 3, w 2, nb 20) 31
Total (7 wkts, 74.2 overs) 193

R K Illingworth and N V Radford to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-58, 2-104, 3-125, 4-133, 5-154, 6-186, 7-190.

BOWLING: Fraser 17.2-6-35-1; Feltham 17-7-40-0; Johnson 15-5-54-1; Emburey 9-4-24-2; Tufnell 16-5-31-3.

Bonus Points: Worcestershire 4, Middlesex 3.

Umpires: J D Bond and M J Kitchen.

LANCASHIRE v NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

OLD TRAFFORD (first day of four; Lancashire won toss): Lancashire have scored 277 for eight against Northamptonshire

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

M A Atherton lbw b Ambrose 10
J P Crawley lbw b Ambrose 0
N J Speak b Taylor 14
*†N H Fairbrother c Felton b Taylor 110
G D Lloyd b Ambrose 38
M Watkinson not out 67
Wasim Akram b Taylor 0
P A J DeFreitas b Taylor 2
†W K Hegg c Warren b Ambrose 19
G Yates not out 3
Extras (b 4, lb 7, w 1, nb 2) 14
Total (8 wkts, 82 overs) 277

A A Barnett to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-22, 3-30, 4-122, 5-212, 6-212, 7-214, 8-265.

BOWLING: Ambrose 24-3-88-4; Taylor 18-4-82-4; Curran 5-0-17-0; Roberts 23-10-56-0; Bailey 11-3-25-0.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: A Fordham, N A Felton, R J Bailey, M B Love, *A J Lamb, R J Warren, K M Curran, †D Ripley, C E L Ambrose, A R Roberts, J P Taylor.

Bonus Points: Lancashire 2, Northamptonshire 3.

Umpires: P W Wight and J C Balderstone.

ESSEX v HAMPSHIRE

CHELMSFORD (first day of four; Hampshire won toss): Hampshire have scored 211 for three against Essex

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

T C Middleton c Rollins b Childs 41
V P Terry lbw b Ilott 17
K D James c Shahid b Childs 41
D I Gower not out 85
*†M J C Nicholas not out 2
Extras (lb 5, nb 10) 15
Total (3 wkts, 73 overs) 211

R M F Cox, †A N Aymes, S D Udal, J N B Bovill, D F J Flint and K J Shine to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-45, 2-84, 3-186.

BOWLING: Ilott 15-1-55-1; Andrew 10-0-44-0; Such 26-10-38-0; Childs 17-2-56-2; Stephenson 5-1-13-0.

ESSEX: *G A Gooch, J P Stephenson, P J Prichard, N Hussain, J J B Lewis, N Shahid, †R J Rollins, M C Ilott, S J W Andrew, P M Such, J H Childs.

Bonus Points: Essex 1, Hampshire 1.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and G Sharp.

NO PLAY YESTERDAY

CANTERBURY: Kent v Glamorgan.

LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Derbyshire.

THE OVAL: Surrey v Yorkshire.

TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Warwickshire.

HARTLEPOOL: Durham v Somerset

☐ The Lancashire captain, Neil Fairbrother hit his first century for 14 months and his first in Manchester for six years, as Lancashire reached 277 for eight in 82 overs against Northamptonshire yesterday. Fairbrother, whose future as captain will be decided by the county committee on Sunday, received a standing ovation when he was dismissed for 110.

☐ David Gower, who has not hidden his disappointment at being overlooked for England's winter tour of the West Indies, played one his most punishing innings of the season against Essex at Chelmsford. Gower helped himself to an unbeaten 85 as Hampshire scored 211 for three on a rain-restricted day. He announced his arrival by pulling the first ball he received from John Childs for six. His second six, off the same bowler, took him to fifty and he later cleared the boundary at Steve Andrew's expense.

☐ Ian Salisbury, the Sussex and England leg spinner, captured the four Gloucestershire wickets which fell for 172 at Hove at a personal cost of 43 runs.

Turner era ends at Grace Road

By Our Sports Staff

MIKE Turner, 59, Leicestershire's chief executive, is stepping down from his post after more than 40 years at Grace Road, although he still had a year of his five-year contract to run.

John Josephs, chairman of the club, insisted yesterday that Turner had not been dismissed. "We came to terms on a package and we shall now advertise the position. Mike's role will be a hard one to fill but the club has to build for the future.

"We will be looking for a younger man, market orientated and not necessarily with a cricket background. What Mike has done for Leicestershire over the years has been fantastic and we all recognise that."

Turner said: "The last few weeks have been traumatic and leaving the club will be an enormous wrench. But I have not retired and I want to stay in the game.

"I will certainly continue as a member of the executive of the Test and County Cricket Board. My love for the game and the club is undiminished."

Turner joined Leicestershire as a player straight from school in 1951. Nine years later, at the age of 25, he was appointed county cricket's youngest secretary.

He later became secretary-manager and eventually chief executive, presiding over years of success on the field in the Seventies, when the county won five titles, including the championship in 1975.

Turner also masterminded a complete transformation of the ground at Grace Road. "At least I have the personal satisfaction of having been instrumental in building a new foundation for the club," he said.

For most of the 33 years after becoming secretary, Turner was an all-powerful figure. But in the last two or three years, there has been a change of direction, with the appointment of a cricket manager, fresh faces on the committee and disagreement on management procedures.

These have finally led to the split that, after several weeks of speculation, has brought to an end a remarkable era at Grace Road.

Alan Mullally, Leicestershire's left-arm pace bowler, has signed a new three-year contract. Mullally had refused the county's original terms a few weeks ago but has now agreed a revised deal and an improved pay offer.

Jack Birkenshaw, the county's cricket manager, said: "I'm delighted that Alan is staying with us and disappointed that he's not going on one of the winter tours."

Mullally said he was glad his future had been sorted out. "I never really wanted to leave."

Sussex have released Bradleigh Donelan, 25, an off spin bowler who joined the county in 1989 from the MCC staff at Lord's. Donelan's opportunities have been limited this year following the engagement of Eddie Hemmings.

Sussex believe that, with Nicky Phillips, of the England Under-19 team, showing great promise, there seems little future for Donelan at Hove. Donelan hopes to stay in the game and will be holding discussions with several counties.

Tony Pigott, 35, is the only Sussex player still to agree terms for next season. The former England pace bowler is still negotiating with county officials for a new contract.

Sri Lanka could count cost of crawl

SRI Lanka produced a tedious batting display on the third day of the third and final Test against South Africa in Colombo yesterday, scoring 128 runs off 73 overs. By the end of the day, cut short by 17 overs because of bad light, Sri Lanka, replying to South Africa's 316, were 245 for five, with Hashan Tillekeratne unbeaten on 29 and Sanath Jayasuriya on 35.

Sri Lanka's ultra-defensive measures may have cost them the chance of levelling the series. They trail 1-0. The captain, Ranatunga, and his deputy, de Silva, set the tone with a display completely out of character. They shared a fourth-wicket partnership of 101 in 45.1 overs before Ranatunga, who had been stuck on 50 for 30 minutes, finally edged a catch to the wicketkeeper, Richardson, off Schultz in the third over after lunch.

Ranatunga had batted for 203 minutes for his half century, which contained only two fours. De Silva completed his 50 off 113 balls in 166 minutes and painstakingly reached 82 before falling leg-before.

SOUTH AFRICA: First Innings 316 (D J Cullinan 102, D J Richardson 62, Muralitharan 4-64)

SRI LANKA: First Innings

R S Mahanama c McMillan b Schultz 25
U C Hathurusinghe c Richardson b Donelan 01
P B Dassanayake run out 09
P A de Silva lbw b Symcox 82
*A Ranatunga c Richardson b Schultz 50
H P Tillekeratne not out 29
S T Jayasuriya not out 35
Extras (b3, lb5, nb7) 15
Total (5 wkts) 245

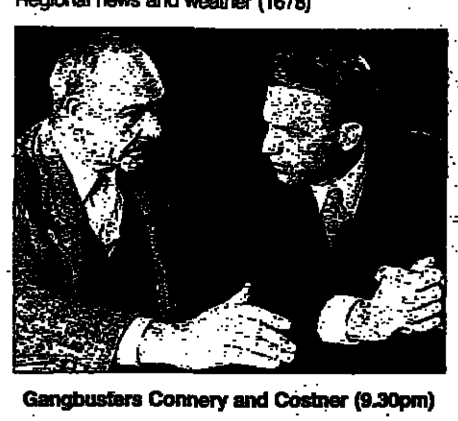
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-27, 3-55, 4-188, 5-202.

BOWLING: Donald 21-6-45-1; Schultz 28-9-37-2; McMillan 29.1-7-64-0; Snell 25-8-44-0; Symcox 18-6-47-1.

Umpires: B Aldridge (New Zealand) and B C Cooray (Sri Lanka).

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (36456)
7.00 Breakfast News (33443475)
9.05 Morning Surgery. The last in the series includes Anne Diamond with news of the latest developments in cot death research (s) (4777524)
9.20 Pop Goes Summer. Ross King meets Michael Crawford (s) (1920036) **9.45 Whatever Happened To..?** (s) (3589727)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1872678) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (7442253) **10.30 Rupert** (r) (1855036) **10.35 A Summer Good Morning** presented by Nick Owen (s) (2286920)
11.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (4557415) **11.05 The High Chaparral** (r) (3379949) **11.55 Derby-Lincoln Train Journey**. A scheduled 80-minute journey reduced to five (r) (1744758)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8741543) **12.05 King Of The Road Revisited** (s) (7864348) **12.30 Pebble Mill Encore** featuring Cliff Richard and k d lang (s) (2774611) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (29533388)
1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (87017)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (61073949) **1.50 Going For Gold** with Henry Kelly (s) (61077765)
2.15 The Flying Doctors. Australian drama series. (Ceefax) (s) (5110611) **3.00 Butterfly – Sun Worshipper**. The butterflies of Finland (2117833)
3.25 The Jetsons (2196340) **3.50 Bananaman** (r) (4883949) **3.55 The Little Green Planet Show** (s) (3862727) **4.10 Babar** (r) (8433253) **4.35 All About Us**. Sarah Greene introduces highlights from six years of *Going Live!* (s) (1221727)
5.00 Newsround (7577272) **5.05 Grange Hill**. Episode two (r). (Ceefax) (s) (2993765)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (940833). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (833)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (185). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Every Second Counts. Against the clock game show hosted by Paul Daniels (s) (8369)
7.30 Tomorrow's World. Carmen Pryce reports from the refrigerated laboratory in Denmark where scientists are examining samples from the 3km deep ice hole drilled in Greenland. (Ceefax) (s) (369)
8.00 Bruce Forsyth's Generation Game. Game show for family teams. (Ceefax) (s) (9727)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (1678)

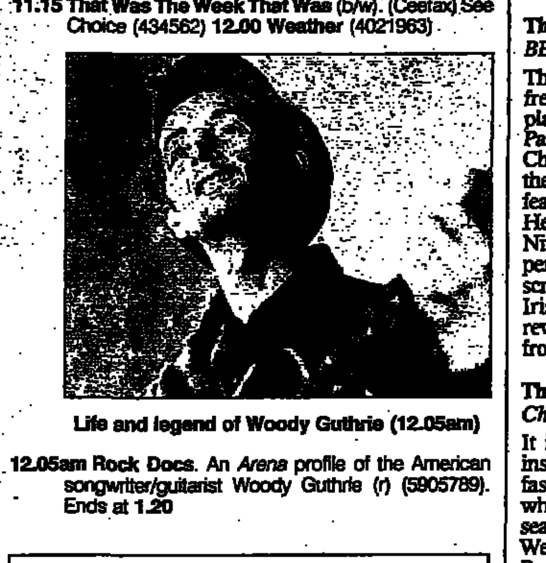


Gangbusters Connery and Costner (9.30pm)

9.30 Film: The Untouchables (1987) (s). See Choice (798017). **Northern Ireland:** Anderson on the Box 10.20 Championship Special 10.45 Film: The Untouchables 12.40-2.20 Film: The Guardian; **Wales:** Shirley Bassey 10.30 Film: The Untouchables 1.55-3.10 Film: From Hell it Came
11.25 Dr Terror's Vault of Horror. A double bill, beginning with **The Guardian** (1990), starring Jenny Seagrove as an outwardly normal nanny hiding a horrifying secret. Directed by William Friedkin (696611)
12.55am Film: From Hell It Came (1957, b/w) starring Tod Andrews. A demonic monster, reincarnated as a tree stump, frightens the life out of South Sea islanders. Directed by Dan Milner (3302499)
2.10 Weather (8805383)

BBC2

6.45 Open University (2914494)
8.00 Breakfast News (8677825)
8.15 Reviving Antiques. Caring for glass (r). (Ceefax) (3589185) **8.20 Six More English Towns**. Lewes, Sussex (r) (8330253)
9.00 Film: Marine Raiders (1944, b/w) starring Robert Ryan and Pat O'Brien. Second world war drama about American forces fighting the Japanese and themselves in the jungles of Guadalcanal. Directed by Harold Schuster (5275217)
10.25 Film: My Girl Tisa (1948, b/w) starring Lilli Palmer and Sam Wanamaker. Turn-of-the-century New York is the setting for this romantic drama about immigrants dreaming of happiness. Directed by Elliott Nugent (23251104)
12.00 House and Home. A look at housing co-ops in Liverpool (r) (8214889) **12.25 Crawl Into My Parlour**. Concluding the series on arthropods (9769974)
12.50 Cody. The second of a two-part documentary about the early aviator Samuel Franklin Cody (r) (2781901) **1.20 Fingermouse** (r) (77648543) **1.35 Great Vegetarian Dishes: Cooking With Kurma**. Last in the meatless menu series (68150949)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (60479630) **2.05 Impressions: The Miller**. A profile of Yorkshireman George Leatt, the owner of a watermill and a well-known judge in the dog world (r) (81860551) **2.15 Jumpcuts**. OU weekend preview (r) (60469253)
2.20 Racing From Newbury. Live coverage of the 2.40, 3.10, 3.40 and 4.10 races (19379659). Includes **News** (Ceefax) and weather at **3.00** and **3.50**
4.25 Top Gear – Take Two. Chris Goffey joins a group of steam enthusiasts (r) (1387949)
4.30 Film: The French Line (1954) starring Jane Russell and Gilbert Roland. Musical comedy set on board a cruise liner. Directed by Lloyd Bacon (40308833)
6.10 Top Gear (r) (Ceefax) (s) (993366)
6.40 What The Papers Say with Joanna Coles of *The Guardian* (838727)
6.55 Leeds Piano Competition. The first of two consecutive nights live coverage of the final of the prestigious competition. The six finalists each play a concerto with the City of Birmingham SO conducted by Simon Rattle. Simultaneous broadcast with Radio 3 (s) (73015388)
NB: the following programmes may run late
9.30 Gardeners' World. Last in the series presented by Geoff Hamilton. (Ceefax) (s) (72524)
10.00 KYTV (s). See Choice (44253)
10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (666949)
11.15 That Was The Week That Was (b/w). (Ceefax) See Choice (434562) **12.00 Weather** (4021963)



Life and legend of Woody Guthrie (12.05am)

12.05am Rock Docs. An *Arena* profile of the American songwriter/guitarist Woody Guthrie (r) (5905789). Ends at **1.20**

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CHOICE

A Dickens of a costume drama (BBC2, 10.00pm)

KYTV: The Making of David Chizzlenut
BBC2, 10.00pm

The splendid Robin Bailey joins Angus Deayton, Geoffrey Perkins and the team for another round of television spoofery, starting with Dickensian costume drama. I always have mixed feelings about *KYTV*, willing myself to enjoy it but finding that it invariably promises more than it produces. This is because Deayton and his co-writer Geoffrey Perkins are much better at short, self-contained jokes than sustaining a comic theme over half an hour. So while the Dickens parody is repetitive, not very funny and not even very Dickensian, there are gems to be picked up on the way. Even so there is too much reliance on television commercials and the Oliver Reed joke (there is only one) makes its statutory appearance.

That Was The Week That Was
BBC2, 11.15pm

It may seem curious that having devoted a whole hour to *TW3* during the recent profile of David Frost, the BBC should return to the show so soon and not with one more programme but five. All the same, the impact of *TW3* cannot be exaggerated. Lampooning politicians, the monarchy, the churches and showbiz stars may be commonplace on television now. In 1962 it was virtually unknown. The series was a genuine mouldbreaker and, for those of us who saw it the first time round, enormously entertaining. The performers, headed by David Frost, got the high profile but the writers were notable as well. The credits for tonight's selection include Jack Rosenthal, Waterhouse and Hall, Christopher Booker and Gerald Kaufman.

The Untouchables
BBC1, 9.30pm

The Al Capone story comes to the screen yet again but freshened and heightened by the talents of the playwright David Mamet and director Brian de Palma. *Their film is not so much based on the real* Chicago gang wars as a flamboyant, violent homage to the 1950s television series of the same name which featured the Treasury Department agent, Eliot Ness. He is played here by Kevin Costner, with Robert De Niro, suitably fattened, as Capone. While Costner's performance is restrained and De Niro's showy, the screen is often stolen by Sean Connery as the seasoned Irish cop who helps Ness get his man. Connery was rewarded with an Oscar which sealed his transition from James Bond to mature actor.

The Love Goddesses
Channel 4, 12.40am

It is a pity this compilation has been scheduled for insomniacs and video owners for the content is fascinating and deserves a wider audience. Apart from which, it is being screened to promote a Channel 4 season featuring some of the goddesses in question. We are talking about sirens of the cinema, from Theda Bara, by way of Hedy Lamarr and her nude scene in *Ecstasy*, to Marilyn Monroe and Elizabeth Taylor. The film is effectively a history of sex symbols and an account of how portrayals of women changed from the early cinema up to the 1960s. Although some of the footage will be familiar, much of it comes from long-ago silents and shows future stars, notably Garbo, in surprising guises. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. Early morning news and entertainment. The guests include Angus Deayton and Victoria Wood (8854956)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep Game show set in a supermarket, presented by Dale Winton (1905727) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7451901)
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discussion series chaired by John Stapleton (s) (8788253)
10.35 This Morning. Weekday family magazine introduced by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan (22002217) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8747727)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Dermot Murnaghan and Julia Somerville. (Teletext) Weather (2709307)
12.55 Coronation Street. A repeat of Wednesday's episode. (Teletext) (2784098) **1.25 Home and Away**. Australian family drama serial. (Teletext) (66631833) **1.55 A Country Practice**. Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (61061104)
2.20 ITN News headlines (60486920) **2.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (60485291)
2.30 Capital Woman Anneka Rice talks to traffic wardens about how they cope with irate motorists (s) (272) **3.00 The Young Doctors**. Drama series set in an Australian city hospital (1456)
3.30 Alphabet Castle (s) (3887036) **3.40 Tots TV**. Puppet series (s) (3045235) **3.50 Scooby Doo** (7645299) **4.00 Astro Farm** (r). (Teletext) (s) (8612185) **4.15 The Legends Of Treasure Island**. Episode two of a 13-part animated adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's classic adventure story (s) (8450920) **4.40 Knightmare**. Dungeons and dragons game (1365727)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (2987104)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Teletext) Weather (567659)
6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (97833)
7.00 Family Fortunes. Game show hosted by Les Dennis (6765)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (765)
8.00 You Bet! Charity celebrity challenge show presented by Matthew Kelly (s) (7123)

Heartache for Bierko, Garth, Wass (9.00pm)

9.00 Film: Danielle Steel's Star (1993) starring Jennie Garth, Craig Bierko and Ted Wass. A made-for-television romantic drama about a young woman whose success as a night club singer takes her further away from the only man she has loved. (Teletext) (s) Continues after the news (4659)
10.00 News at Ten with John Suchet. (Teletext) Weather (71307) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (491727)
10.40 Film: Danielle Steel's Star continued (659659)
11.25 Dial Midnight. Live phone-in series combining lonely hearts, controversy and music (s) (539456)
12.25am Tour Of Duty. Vietnam war drama series (r) (4336470)
1.20 The ITV Chart Show (s) (2712789)
2.15 Londoners. Magazine series about living and working in the capital (929215)
3.15 Whale On. Music and conversation dominated by James Whale (2679654)
4.10 TXT. Celebrity chat show and music (8786019)
5.05 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema. Film reviews (4192302)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman (88437). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Heathcliff (2744123) **6.45 Wowser** (4293814)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Ulrika Jonsson (60340)
9.00 You Bet Your Life American game show hosted by Bill Cosby (s) (58456)
9.30 Film: West Of the Divide (1934, b/w). The last in the early John Wayne season. In this western he plays a young man searching for the man who murdered his parents and kidnapped his baby brother. With Gabby Hayes. Directed by Robert N. Bradbury (41543)
10.30 Polar Passage. The story of two Canadians, Jeff MacInnes and Mike Reedall, who crossed by catamaran, in 1986, the 4,000km of ice and sea that make up the Northwest Passage (r) (36123)
11.30 Pro Celebrity Golf. Sam Torrance and Hale Irwin are challenged by five of the celebrities to a sudden-death shoot-out over six holes (r) (49340)
12.30 Sesame Street. Entertaining pre-school learning series. The guest is actress Candice Bergen (r) (61681) **1.30 The Bluffers** Animation (r) (86727)
2.00 Valued Opinion. In Jersey, Max Robertson is joined by Sotheby's expert Richard Allen who gives his opinion on a range of art deco jewellery (r) (24927366)
2.25 Channel 4 Racing from Ayr. Derek Thompson introduces live coverage of the 2.35 (EBF Inheritress Fillies Handicap Stakes), 3.05 (Ladbroke's Ayrshire Handicap), 3.35 (Shadwell Stud Firth of Clyde Stakes) and 4.05 (Ladbroke Racing Nursery Handicap) races (19363098)
4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley with another round of the words and numbers game. (Teletext) (s) (678)
5.00 Vets in the Wild. The second of three programmes about the animal welfare work of Dr Barklay Hastings (r). (Teletext) (3678)
6.00 Hangin' With Mr Cooper. American comedy series. (Teletext) (s) (543)
6.30 Happy Days. Comedy set in 1950s Milwaukee. Fonzie meets the woman of his dreams and is amazed that she can resist him. (Teletext) (123)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Zeinab Badawi and Fiona Murch. (Teletext) Weather (952340)
7.50 First Reaction. Harry Ritchie, literary editor of *The Sunday Times*, in praise of new works by celebrities Mandy Smith and Naomi Campbell (674009)
8.00 Class Action. Series investigating controversial education issues. (Teletext) (8217)
8.30 Brookside. Topical soap set in a suburban Merseyside close. (Teletext) (s) (2562)
9.00 Garden Club. Roy Lancaster, Rebecca Pow and Matthew Biggs meet green-fingered enthusiasts in south Devon. (Teletext) (4388)
9.30 Cheers. Boston bar-room comedy series (r). (Teletext) (90920)
10.00 Nurses. Black comedy set in a Miami hospital (Teletext) (s) (79949)
10.30 Paul Merton: The Series Comedy sketches. (Teletext) (s) (914098)

Christian Slater presents the awards (11.05pm)

11.05 1993 MTV Music Video Awards introduced from the Universal Amphitheatre in Los Angeles by Christian Slater (s) (603901)
12.40am Film: The Love Goddesses (1965, colour and b/w). See Choice (7528708)
2.00 Trash Talk. A repeat of Thursday's programme from Cleveland (94447). Ends at **2.30**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW**. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (**FM** only) **6.00** Mark Goodier **9.00** Simon Bates with the Pet Shop Boys **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **9.00** Friday Rock Show **11.00** John Peel (**FM** only from **12.00**) **2.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (**FM** only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn at the Johnson Space Centre, Houston **7.00** My Music (r) **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night from the De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill-on-Sea **9.30** Listen to the Band: Avesta Sheffield Dodworth Band under Graham O'Connor **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme from the 21st Salisbury Festival **12.05am** Digby Fairweather with *Jazz Notes* **1.00-4.00** Adrian Finighan with Night Ride

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Danny Baker **9.00** Work It Out **10.25** Johnnie Walker with The AM Alternative **12.30pm** Room 101 **1.10** BFBS Worldwide **2.30** Sportsbeat **4.30** Five Aside **5.30** Dr Who (4/5) **7.15** Black and White, by Jan Mark **7.30** Popcall **8.30** Euromix **9.30** Hair In the Gate: A new comedy series about arts broadcasting **10.10** Rave **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST**. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin, Tips für Touristen **5.30** Off the Shelf: *A Straightforward Tale* **5.45** Folk Routes **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Meridian **8.00** News **8.30** White Nights **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Music Review **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Global Concerns **10.30** On the Move **10.45** Sport **11.01** Focus on Faith **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Noon** News **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** White Nights **1.45** Sport **2.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: *A Straightforward Tale* **3.45** Global Concerns **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** BBC English **6.00** News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Science in Action **10.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** People and Politics **11.45** Sport **Midnight** News **12.05am** World Business Report **12.15** Worldbrief **12.30** Multitrack 3 **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** From the Weeklies **1.45** The Learning World **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Short Story *The Pilgrimage* **2.45** Jazz Now and Then **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** People and Politics **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sport

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Haydn (Cello Concerto No 2 in D: Lynn Harrell) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports with Margaret Howard **7.00** Classic Verdict **8.00** Evening Concert: Orpheus Chamber Orchestra performs Rossini (Overture, Il Turco in Italia); Haydn (Symphony No 60 in C, Il Distratto); Mendelssohn (Sinfonia for Strings No 10 in B minor. Armenian PO under Tjeknavorian) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Kevin Greening **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Emperor Rosko **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Sandy Beach

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 1.55-2.20 A Country Practice (61061104) **2.30-3.00** A Little Piece Of Heaven (272) **5.10-5.40** Gardening Time (2987104) **6.00** Home And Away (814665) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (212949) **10.30-10.40** Anglia News (491727) **11.25** Film: Joe Kidd (821307) **1.05am** Whale On (7708234) **2.05** Raw Power (7300296) **3.05** Entertainment U.K. (2673470) **4.00** Get Wet (26895) **4.30** Riviera (82539383) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (8380708)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.55-2.20 Shortland Street (61061104) **2.30** Material World (272) **3.00-3.30** A Country Practice (1456) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Games And Videos (2987104) **6.00** Home And Away (814665) **6.25-7.00** Central News (212949) **10.30-10.40** Central News (491727) **11.25** Secret Of The Sahara (903253) **12.30am** Whale On (71857) **1.30** The Beat (57050) **2.30** Entertainment U.K. (39128) **3.30** Wild America (44942) **4.00** Jobfinder (9291012) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (1200470)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.55-2.20 A Country Practice (61061104) **2.30** An Invitation To Remember (272) **3.00-3.30** Take The High Road (1456) **5.10-5.40** The Munsters Today (2987104) **6.00** Home And Away (901) **6.30** Granada Tonight (132920) **6.55-7.00** Manchester Live (535253) **10.30** Granada News (778388) **10.35-10.40** Manchester Live (777659) **11.25** War Of The Worlds (814659) **12.20am** Love And War (6438437) **12.50** The Twilight Zone (8397215) **1.05** Whale On (7708234) **2.05** Raw Power (7300295) **3.05** Entertainment U.K. (2673470) **4.00** Get Wet (26895) **4.30** Riviera (82539383) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (8380708)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.55-2.20 A Country Practice (61061104) **2.30-3.30** Life Goes On (78833) **6.00** HTV News & Weather (901) **6.30-7.00** HTV Sportsweek (253) **10.30-10.40** HTV News & Weather (491727) **11.30** Married...With Children (57388) **12.00am** And They Walked Away (2273079) **1.05** Whale On (7708234) **2.05** Raw Power (7300296) **3.05** Entertainment U.K. (2673470) **4.00** Get Wet (26895) **4.30** Riviera (82539383) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (8380708)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 6.00 Wales at Six (901) **6.30-7.00** Get Going (253) **10.30-10.40** HTV Wales Headlines (491727)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 2.30 Take The High Road (272) **3.00-3.30** Shortland Street (1456) **6.00-7.00** Meridian Tonight (97833) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News & Weather (491727) **11.25** Film: Hollow Point (230104) **1.00am** Whale On (60741) **2.00** Cinema, Cinema (94465) **2.30** Raw Power (39128) **3.30** Cue The Music (34673) **4.30** The Art Of The Landscape (95876) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (68234)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.55-2.20 A Country Practice (61061104) **2.40-3.30** Murder, She Wrote (9776843) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (951291) **6.30-7.00** Up Country (253) **10.30-10.40** Tyne Tees News (491727) **11.25** Film: Blinded By The Light (Kristy McNichol, James Vincent McNichol, Anne Jackson) (821307) **1.05am** Whale On (7708234) **2.05** The Big E (7312031) **3.00** Film: Ball Of Fire (Gary Cooper, Barbara Stanwyck, Oscar Homolka) (83350857) **5.05** Get Wet (1043942) **5.25-5.30** Get Stuffed! (5840437)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.55-2.20 The Sullivans (61061104) **2.30** Gardener's Diary (272) **3.00-3.30** A Country Practice (1456) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (97833) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry Latest (491727) **11.25** My Story (634630) **11.30** Love And War (57388) **12.00am** The War Of The Worlds (6283505) **12.55** Out Of Limits (8305234) **1.05** Whale On (7708234) **2.05** Raw Power (1278960) **2.25** Westcountry Latest (4062334) **3.05** Entertainment U.K. (2673470) **4.00** Get Wet (26895) **4.30** Riviera (82539383) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (8380708)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.55-2.20 A Country Practice (61061104) **2.40-3.30** Murder, She Wrote (9776843) **5.55** Calendar (951291) **6.30-7.00** Parish Pump (253) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News (491727) **11.25** Film: Blinded By The Light (821307) **1.05am** Whale On (7708234) **2.05** The Big E (7312031) **3.00** Film: Ball Of Fire (63350857) **5.05** Get Wet (1043942) **5.25-5.30** Get Stuffed! (5840437)

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Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (60340) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (58456) **9.30** Film: The Trail Beyond (7128098) **10.25** The Road To Avonlea (8281630) **11.20** Speaking From America (4452861) **11.30** Bobobobs (5253) **12.00pm** High 5 (61920) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (87456) **1.00** Sesame Street (75611) **2.00** Class Action (24927366) **2.25** Channel 4 Racing (577475) **4.25** Slot 23 (4408456) **5.00** Trash Talk (4543) **5.30** Countdown (630) **6.00** News (162036) **6.20** Heno (295272) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (4307) **7.30** Goreuon Graffiti (307) **8.00** Y Cymro Cryfa (8217) **8.30** *Newyddion* (2562) **9.00** Concerto! (5901) **10.00** Brookside (79949) **10.30** Paul Merton (914098) **11.05** 1993 MTV Music Video Awards (603901) **12.40am** Film: The Love Goddess (7528708)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Developing World – Non-Government Organisations
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Including Suppé (Overture, Poet and Peasant); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 4 in G, K41); Geoffrey Bush (Trio for oboe, bassoon and piano); Berlioz (Overture, Le Corsaire); Albinoni (Concerto for Trumpet and Three Oboes in C); Liszt (Piano Concerto No 1 in E flat)
9.00 Composers of the Week: Alessandro and Domenico Scarlatti: Alessandro Scarlatti (Sonata in A minor); Domenico Scarlatti (Sonatas: in F major/minor, Kk204a; in C, Kk513); Alessandro Scarlatti (O morte); Domenico Scarlatti (Sonatas in D, Kk118 and 119); Alessandro Scarlatti (Salve Regina)
10.00 Morning Sequence: Mahler (Suite from the Orchestral Works of Bach); Bach (Partita No 6 in E minor, BWV 530); **10.45** Artist of the Week: Janet Baker, mezzo, sings Respighi (Aretusa: City of London Sinfonia under Richard Hickox); Debussy (Suite Bergamasque); Mahler (Kindertotenlieder); Debussy (Rondes de Printemps)
12.00 Folksong Arrangements (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Chamber Music from Manchester: The King's Singers perform Josquin (Benedicta es); Veljo Tormis (Piispa ja pakana); Josquin (Chansons, Allegrez moy: Mille regretz; Nimphes, nappees; A l'ombre d'ung buissonet: Petite camusette); Richard Rodney Bennett (Sermons and Devotions)
2.00 Youth Orchestras of the World: National Youth Orchestra of Scotland under Louis Frémaux performs Harold Saeverud (The Ballet of Revolt); Walton (Suite, Henry V); Elgar (Cello Concerto: Juliane von Hahn); Britten (Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra); Ravel (Daphnis et Chloé Suite No 2). See Choice
3.40 Elite Syncopations: Anthony Goldstone, piano, performs Gottschalk (Union: Le Bananier; Souvenir de Porto Rico); Coleridge-Taylor (Deep River); Joplin (Gladiolus Rag; Elite Syncopations); Lambert (Elegiac Blues); Gershwin (Three Preludes)
4.30 Traditional Music: James Whittington presents music from the Berbers of the High Atlas in Morocco (r)
5.00 In Tune, presented by David Owen Norris
6.55 Leeds International Piano Competition: See Choice
9.30 Porter's Return: Andrew Porter compares musical life in Britain and America (r)
9.40 A Twentieth-Century Flutist: Mary Karan Clardy talks to Chris de Souza and, accompanied by John Lenehan on the piano, performs Norman Dello Joio (Suite, The Developing Flutist); Katherine Hoover (Kokopeli for alto flute); Verne Reynolds (Sonata); Copland (Vocalise); Barber (Canzone); Lowell Liebermann (Sonata)
10.45 The Friday Feature: The Great Leveller. Jonathan Swain talks to musicians and record producers who worked with the Hungarian conductor Fritz Reiner
11.30 Midnight Oil: A sequence of short pieces, including Cage's Suite for Toy Piano, eight flute solos by Leigh Landy and a vocal duet by Meredith Monk
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.43** Bad Housekeeping, by Sue Limb (5/10) **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is the writer Isabel Allende (r)
9.45 Feedback, with Chris Dunkley
10.00-10.30 Dear Diary (FM only): Simon Brett presents diary extracts for September 17
10.00 News; An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Esther. Eleanor Bron reads the second of two episodes
10.30 Woman's Hour meets the photographer Jane Taylor; and reports on fashion trends in the high street. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 The Natural History Programme: The wildlife of Siberia's marshlands
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Tasneem Siddiqi
12.25pm The Gardening Quiz: The last in the series. Tony Britton, Jan Leeming, Lady Antonia Fraser and Sir Bernard Ingham are captained by Irene Thomas and Norman Painting. Chairman: Stefan Buczacki
12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Classic Serial: Tono-Bungay, by H.G. Wells (final part) (r)
3.00 News; Special Assignment
3.30 A Good Read: Edward Blishen and his guests Sir John Harvey-Jones and Bonny Falconer select three paperbacks
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Includes a review of the Royal Shakespeare Company's production of Tom Stoppard's play, *Travesties*
4.45 Short Story: The Mama Chorus, by Dilys Rose. Read by Louise Beattie (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places: Peter Macann and Janet Trewin visit the Southampton International Boat Show
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week, presented by Chris Serle
8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby's guests in Okehampton, Devon, are Paddy Ashdown, MP, leader of the Liberal Democrats; Pamela Charlwood, regional general manager of the South West Region Health Authority; Jack Straw, MP, Opposition local government spokesman; and Gerald Malone, MP, deputy chairman of the Conservative party
8.50 Stop Press, with John Diamond
9.15 Kaleidoscope: Salvador Allende's cultural revolution (r)
9.45 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Richard Kershaw
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Gerald Brockhurst, by Jocelyn Brooke. The final part
11.00 Week Ending: A satirical review of the week's news
11.25 The Financial Week
11.45 Rushes: Piers Plowright's *Ad Lib* is the last in a series of experimental radio programmes
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

Leeds International Piano Competition. *Radio 3, 6.55pm.*
The semi-finals ended last night, and since Tuesday, Radio 3 has been doing its usual expert job in presenting highlights from the concertos played by the 12 semi-finalists. Tonight, the finals begin. They end tomorrow when we will learn which of the original 80 young pianists who entered the competition have won the Edward Boyle Prize and the Princess Mary Gold Medal. If you just want to hear them, Radio 3 is what you will choose. If you want to both hear *and* see them, tune in to BBC2.

Youth Orchestras of the World. *Radio 3, 2.00pm.*
The National Youth Orchestra of Scotland did themselves a power of good when they brought the audience to its feet at a Prom in August. More than one respected critic said they had rarely heard *The Planets* played better. On that occasion, James Loughran was on the podium. This afternoon, it is Louis Frémaux, conducting an unashamedly popular programme. The orchestra's gift for subtle colouring should make Ravel's *Daphnis et Chloé Suite No 2* in particular an experience to cherish. **Peter Davalle**

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SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (78089746) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (2317291) **9.00** *Cartoons* (62348) **9.30** *The Pyramid Game* (25630) **10.00** Card Sharks (31974) **10.30** Concentration (5582659) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (9121746) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (45681) **12.00** E Street (85624) **12.30pm** Three's Company (36746) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (24901) **2.00** Roots (7727494) **2.55** Another World (5628307) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (3998794) **6.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (9630) **6.00** Games World (3562) **6.30** E Street (4814) **7.00** Rescue (7659) **7.30** Full House (9758) **8.00** World Wrestling Federation Mania (67630) **9.00** Code 3 (45920) **9.30** Crime International (16982) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (as 5pm) (57253) **11.00-12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (22104)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (2967494) **9.30** ABC Nightline (94524) **10.30** Memories of 1970-1991 (92678) **11.30** Japan Business Today (96272) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (96494) **1.30** CBS This Morning (97123) **2.30** Memories of 1970-1991 (21307) **3.30** ABC Nightline (14388) **4.30** News and Business Report (4681) **5.00** Live at Five (212524) **7.30** Critical Earth (41659) **9.30** Talkback (13678) **11.30** CBS Evening News (87814) **12.30am** ABC World News Tonight (17673) **1.30** Critical Earth (79186) **2.30** Memories of 1980-1991 (92296) **3.30** Talkback (67166) **4.30** Beyond 200 (65234) **5.30-6.00** CBS Evening News (10401)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (8023962)
10.00 My Blue Heaven (1990): Comedy starring Steve Martin as Mafia hood Vinnie who assumes a new identity in the suburbs. With Rick Moranis (30562)
12.00 The Deerslayer (1978): A white child is raised by Indians. With Steve Forrest and Ned Romero (82098)
2.00pm Under the Yum Yum Tree *(1963)*. Landlord Jack Lemmon threatens the platonic relationship between Carol Lynley and David Jones (71833)
4.00 Avalanche Express (1979): Lee Marvin helps KGB agent Robert Shaw to defect to the West (4562)
6.00 My Blue Heaven (as 10am) (68389)
8.00 Another You (1991): Conman Richard Pryor teams up with pathological liar Gene Wilder (44965036)
9.40 US Top Ten (192901)
10.00 Over Her Dead Body (1990): Elizabeth Perkins accidentally kills her sister. With Judge Reinhold (556384)
11.45 Enter the Game of Death: Martial arts thriller with Bruce Lee (652562)
1.20am The Joy of Sex (1984): A teenager tries to lose her virginity. With Michelle Meyrink and Cameron Dye (13943857)
3.50 Alligator II – The Mutation (1990). Horror sequel starring Joseph Bologna and Dee Wallace Stone (1598302). Ends at **4.25**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm The Red Pony (1949). John Steinbeck's sentimental story about a boy and his horse. With Myrna Loy, Robert Mitchum and Peter Miles (59659)
8.00 High Noon (1952): Classic western starring Gary Cooper as the small-town marshal preparing to confront a hired gunman. With Grace Kelly (54104)
10.00 Vanishing Point (1971): A former racing driver, Barry Newman, is hired to drive a Dodge Challenger from Denver to San Francisco (97017). Ends at **11.30**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Pinocchio and the Emperor of the Night (1987). Cartoon adventures of the wooden boy (59017)
8.00 The Nutcracker Prince (1990): Cartoon version of the Christmas classic, with Tchaikovsky's music (90017)
10.00 Boy, Did I Get a Wrong Number (1966): Estate agent Bob Hope becomes involved with Elke Sommer (38104)
12.00 I Could Go on Singing (1963): Judy Garland stars in her last film as an American singer who travels to England to claim her illegitimate son. With Dirk Bogarde (73340)
2.00pm Father, Son and the Mistress (1992): A millionaire, Jack Lemmon, gives up his fortune to unite his family (79475)
4.00 The Nutcracker Prince (as 8am) (35301920)
5.40 Hamlet (1990): Franco Zeffirelli's adaptation of Shakespeare's tragedy stars Mel Gibson and Glenn Close (39406562)
8.00 Regarding Henry (1991). Wealthy lawyer Harrison Ford is mentally and physically crippled by a gunman's bullet. With Annette Bening (61456)
10.00 The Last Boy Scout (1991): Private eye Bruce Willis and footballer Damon Wayans investigate the murder of a stripper (651758)
11.50 I Posed for Playboy (1991). Three women explain their reasons for posing naked. With Lynda Carter (456956)
1.30am Welcome Home Roxy Carmichael (1990). Teenage misfit Winona Ryder believes that a local celebrity is her mother (547963)
3.05 Death Dreams (1990) Marg Helgenberger is able to communicate with her dead daughter. With Christopher Plummer (397741). Ends at **4.40**

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer News (8444681) **7.15** Prime Bodies (130098) **7.45** NHRA Drag Racing Today (139369) **8.15** Soccer News (9589253) **8.30** ATP Tennis Magazine (57340) **9.00** Prime Bodies (71920) **9.30** Andy Gray's Boot Room (45272) **10.30** Formula One Italian Grand Prix (34678) **11.30** Best of British Motorsport (23340) **12.30pm** Australian Rules Football (38494) **1.30** American Sports Cavalcade (39123) **2.30** Watersports World (63307) **3.30** Gillette World Sports Special (6678) **4.00** Boots 'n' All (98096) **5.00** Andy Gray's Boot Room (1630) **6.00** Sky Soccer Weekend (90119) **7.00** The Big League: Widnes v Castleford (883036) **9.30** French Football League (58384) **10.00** Fishing the West (69185) **10.30** NHRA Drag Racing Today (78833) **11.00** Soccer Weekend (57814) **12.00** The Footballers' Football Show on the Road (85147) **1.30-4.00am** The Big League (as 7pm) (758147)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (52369) **8.00** Equestrian: Three-Day Event from Vinel (46920) **9.00** Mountainbike (44901) **10.00** Eurofun (35104) **10.30** Athletics (62272) **11.00** European Cup Football (24122) **12.30pm** ATP Tennis (11036) **1.00** Bowling (12331) **2.00** IAAF Athletics (99253) **4.00** Football: *American Cup* (8562) **6.00** Motorcycle Grand Prix Magazine (1730) **6.30** Eurosport News (1982) **7.00** International Motorsport Report (80758) **8.00** Greco-Roman Wrestling (10746) **9.00** Boxing: Ray Mercer v Tony Willis (80017) **10.30** American Football (63901) **11.00** Pro Superbike 1993 Review (42962) **12.00** Surfing (47128) **12.30-1.00am** Eurosport News (17499)

UK GOLD
7.00am GP (8479765) **7.30** Neighbours (8458272) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1184104) **8.30** EastEnders (1193475) **9.00** The Bill (1184727) **9.30** All Creatures Great and Small (1404272) **10.30** Casualty (2468272) **11.30** Rhoda (2469889) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (1197291) **12.30pm** Neighbours (2899291) **1.00** EastEnders (8478036) **1.30** The Bill (2898562) **2.00** Are You Being Served? (5023104) **2.30** Bread (8779678) **3.00** Dallas (8869825) **4.00** Dynasty (3619122) **5.00** Blankety Blank (5014456) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (8773494) **6.00** Neighbours (8770307) **6.30** EastEnders (8761659) **7.00** All Creatures Great and Small (3575098) **8.00** Are You Being Served? (5003340) **8.30** Bread (5022475) **9.00** Casualty (3564982) **10.00** The Bill (1198920) **10.30** Rory Bremner (1174340) **11.00** Top of the Pops (9154920) **11.35** Dr Who (8333611) **12.05am** Film: The Day of the Triffids (1963) starring Howard Keel (5315215) **1.45-2.15** Video Bites (4603944)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00 RatKan II (803185) **9.00** Jack in the Box (82611) **11.00** Stories Without Words (14098) **11.30** Say Ahhh! featuring Good Sports (15727) **12.00** Fame (45017) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (93727) **3.00** The Adventures of Teddy Ruxpin (9320) **3.30** RatKan II (3982) **4.00** Stunt Dawgs (2017) **4.30-5.00** The Girl from Tomorrow (1901)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Dawn Patrol (79036) **7.30** Guts (58543) **8.00** Kid's Court (56611) **8.30** Wild Side Show (56982) **9.00** We All Have Tales (79562) **9.30** Fraggle Rock (13484) **10.00** Janosch's Dreamhour (46678) **10.30** The World of David the Gnome (75746) **11.00** Sharon, Lois and Bram's Elephant Show (72098) **11.30** Eureeka's Castle (21982) **12.30pm** We All Have Tales (84982) **1.00** The World of David the Gnome (78307) **1.30** Wisdom of the Gnomes (83253) **2.00** Janosch's Dreamhour (6185) **2.30** Special Delivery (2475) **3.00** Kablooey (965569) **3.30** Out of Control (7920) **4.00** Fraggle Rock (3727) **4.30** Hey Dude (2611) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All (2415) **5.30** Welcome Freshmen (6291) **6.00** Guts (3104) **6.30-7.00** Get the Picture (4456)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Nature by Profession: The ground squirrel (5419104) **5.00** Jungle Track (5024833) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (2872524) **7.00** Wild Sanctuaries: Madagascar (5025562) **7.30** The Global Family (9758185) **8.00** The Passion of Spain (1546889) **8.50** Sports of the World: Sepaktakraw (4286123) **9.05** Biography: Jimmy Hoffa (9618720) **10.00** Ski Madness (1196562) **10.30** The Story of Rock 'n' Roll (1172982) **11.00-12.00** Hollywood Comedy, a Serious Business (142354)

BRAVO
12.00 The Actress (6160369) **12.35pm** Film: Friendly Persuasion (1956). American civil war drama with Gary Cooper (95907104) **3.00** Bonanza (9750663) **4.00** The "New" Honeymooners (8755098) **4.30** I Spy (1752562) **5.30** Car 54, Where Are You? (8768562) **6.00** The Doris Day Show (8765475) **6.30** The Star and the Story (8756727) **7.00** The Mothers-in-law (5029388) **7.30** The Smothers Brothers Show (8745611) **8.00** Film: North by Northwest (1959): Hitchcock thriller starring Cary Grant and Eva Marie Saint (72201388) **10.20-12.00** Film: Westworld (1973). Futuristic adventure about an adult fantasy theme park by *Jurassic Park*'s Michael Crichton. Starring Richard Benjamin, Yul Brynner and James Brolin (4356723)

UK LIVING
7.00am Jayne and Friends (8811630) **8.00** Fame, Fortune and Romance (1969982) **8.30** Living Daylights (1968253) **9.00** Divorce Court (1982833) **9.30** Hot Topics (7512982) **10.00** Fighting Back (4944494) **10.30** Living Extra (1988017) **11.00** Room for Change (3690543) **11.30** John Tovey's Entertaining on a Plate (3691272) **12.00** Practical Living (1979369) **12.30pm** Kilroy (7523096) **1.00** Crosswits (4569746) **1.30** Infatuation (7522369) **2.00** Days of Our Lives (4945123) **3.00** Agony Hour (3602388) **4.00** *Crosswits* (9276348) **4.30** Infatuation (7371712) **5.00** Jayne and Friends (7353727) **6.00** The Full Treatment (2521415) **6.30** Floyd on Food (8826807) **7.00** Agony Hour (6081833) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (6067253) **9.00** Come in Spinner. Concluding the two-part Australian mini-series (6060340) **11.00** Divorce Court (3682524) **11.30** You're on the Air, with Dr Ruth (4940678) **12.00-1.00am** Days of Our Lives (8808166)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00am Danger Bay (2765) **5.30** Wonder Years (2253) **6.00** Big Brother Jake (2494) **6.30** Catchphrase (3746) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (2901) **7.30** All Clued Up (2630) **8.00** Snowy River: The Mcgregor Saga (56562) **9.00** Film: Jenny's Song. Starring Ben Vereen and Jessica Walter (28291) **10.30** The Mary Tyler Moore Show (34611) **12.00-1.00am** Lou Grant (77944)

MTV
6.00 Awake on the Wild Side (805543) **9.00** VJ Marijne (533814) **12.00** Greatest Hits (47475) **1.00pm** VJ Simone (795307) **3.30** Coca-Cola Report (2263475) **3.45** At the Movies (2251630) **4.00** News (1998562) **4.15** 3 from 1 (1988185) **4.30** Dial MTV (8889) **5.00** The Soul of Mtv (4123) **5.30** Music Non-Stop (17562) **7.00** Whitney Houston Rockumentary (1659) **7.30** MTV's Most Wanted (35611) **9.00** Greatest Hits (45456) **10.00** Coca-Cola Report (424272) **10.15** At the Movies (429727) **10.30** News (213801) **10.45** 3 from 1 (218456) **11.00** VJ Marijne (55253) **1.00am** Chill Out Zone (45079) **2.00-7.00** Night Videos (3769321)

TV ASIA
6.00am Asian Morning (9283104) **9.30** Narobi (89630) **10.30** Good Housekeeping (54456) **11.30** TVA and U (58663) **12.00** Hindi, Urdu and English News (77794) **12.30pm** Khirkiyan (53036) **1.00** Pakistani Film: Azmat (445185) **4.00** Kiddie Time (25104) **5.00** TVA: Dedicated To You (5098) **6.00** Close **7.00** Showtime with TV Asia (80712) **8.00** English News (359340) **8.15** ID Youth (788253) **9.00** Hindi Film: Dil Hi To Hai (917727) **12.05am** Sai N Live (6437944) **1.00** Hindi Film: Ganga Ki Lehren (2098876) **4.00** Bharat Ek Khoj (43383) **5.00** Hanstay Bastay (46050) **5.30-6.00** Music (340987)

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MARC ASPLAND

Blenheim Palace in Oxfordshire was the elegant setting yesterday for the opening stages of the Blenheim Audi Horse Trials. The first day of the equestrian competition featured the traditional dressage test of horse and rider co-ordination. Among the leading English competitors was Jayne Somerton, on Free and Easy II, pictured above, who ended the day in ninth position. Marina Loheit, the German national champion, on the 12-year-old Sundance Kid, was in first place after an exemplary display that drew warm applause from an appreciative audience, but with Virginia Leng, on Welton Romance, and Ian Stark, on Stanwick Ghost, still to do their dressage today, there are several firm challenges to come. Metronome, with Pippa Nolan, of Britain, the former national champion, was in second place overnight with Daisy Dick giving further hope of domestic success in fourth place among the 76-strong field on Headley Bravo.

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Horton to pay £1.5m for Ireland defender

BY PETER BALL

BRIAN Horton, the Manchester City manager, has lost little time in making his first signing for his new club. He has agreed to pay Middlesbrough £1.5 million for Alan Kernaghan, the Ireland centre half.

The move represents something of a volte-face by the first division club which turned down a similar offer last week. Middlesbrough's home defeat by Stoke City on Tuesday persuaded the manager, Lennie Lawrence, that he needed the money to strengthen other areas.

"We are short of three or four players in our senior squad," Lawrence said, "but the financial position of this club means that I am going to have to sell before I can buy."

Kernaghan will travel to Manchester this morning to discuss terms, and the transfer is expected to be completed today, allowing Kernaghan to make his debut in the televised match against Wimbledon at Selhurst Park on Monday.

It is a slightly surprising first signing for Horton to make, following in the footsteps of Peter Reid, who bought two other defenders, Keith Curle and Terry Phelan, for over £2 million, as well as the Dutchman, Michael Vonk.

This summer all Reid's moves in the transfer market had been directed to strengthen the forward and midfield positions, but with Vonk out for at least a month, Horton has returned to basics.

Certainly if he was tempted to make a statement of intent by a flamboyant move for a gifted forward to win over doubting supporters, he has resisted. "We are badly in need of more strength at the back," he said.

"Apart from Vonk, we have had Andy Hill and Ian Brightwell out of action this season. We have two games coming up in the space of 48 hours, and if any of our defenders take a knock, we will be in serious trouble unless we bring in a fresh face."

Paul Allen, the Tottenham Hotspur midfield player, was yesterday considering a £500,000 move to Southampton, who have had a bid accepted.

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Woosnam and Baker have winning look

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, IN PARIS

EVERYTHING in professional golf on both sides of the Atlantic is being assessed in the light of the Ryder Cup that starts a week today. When the news reached the Lancôme Trophy at Saint-Nom-la-Bretèche yesterday that Payne Stewart had hurt his knee, it was treated as reverentially as that brought from Aix to Ghent.

So was the news that Lanny Wadkins, another American who is bound for The Belfry, is suffering from a strained muscle in his back and was doubtful for the match.

And for that matter, so was the latest report on Bernhard Langer's injured neck, the pain from which has now extended down his left shoulder. "It is the last foot of the backswing and the first foot of the downswing when it hurts most, apparently," John Simpson, Langer's manager, said. "But if I had to put any money on it, I'd say he'd play. He is German, after all."

Best of all the news from Europe's point of view, however, was the sight of Ian Woosnam, in fetching pink, and Peter Baker, in Marks and Spencer's finest, playing alongside one another and spurring one another on around the damp, par-70 course. Woosnam finished six under par and Baker four under. After his 64 Woosnam leads by one stroke from Miguel-Angel Jiménez and Mark James.

One day during the recent US PGA championship, Paul Azinger and Lanny Wadkins were being interviewed. They sat side by side at a baize-covered table and shared jokes at one another's expense. As they did so the impression grew that there was one partnership for The Belfry being formed in front of our eyes and those of Tom Watson, the US captain. Shrewd that he is, Watson will not have failed to notice the chemistry that existed between them.

A similar alliance was forged at Versailles yesterday between Woosnam and Baker. Woosnam, who used to live in Oswestry, has often played rounds with Baker, who lives in Tettenhall, near Wolverhampton. They dine together at tournaments and on occasion Woosnam gave his young friend a ride on his plane before he moved to the tax haven of Jersey last month. Their better ball comprised a remarkable 58, 12 under par, out and back in 29.

The new-look Woosie, the up-and-at-'em Woosie, continued in his good form. He began by hitting a one-iron to within 12 feet. When he came to look at the hole it seemed rather small. Woosnam often has difficulty around the hole. For a while he putted so badly he thought the hole was covered in cellophane. This time he held his putter over the cup to measure it, shrugged and rapped the ball in. He did not worry about the size of the hole after that.

"Woosie's playing good" Baker reported in progolf speak, an argot that has its own adverbs and adjectives. "The state he is getting to the ball is very good. He is very close to his best."

So much of this game depends on the putting. When most players are putting well they play well, but this is particularly true of James. He putted poorly at the Open, improved and lapsed again. On the greens at St Nom, made slower by Wednesday's heavy rain, James discovered his stroke once more.

He sank putts of 30 feet on the fifth and sixth, one of 25 feet on the seventh, as well as a couple from inside six feet. It was enough to bring a smile to his normally lugubrious face. "If my putting's going to improve, now's the time," James said with one doleful eye on The Belfry, where he will make his sixth appearance in the Ryder Cup.

The announcement that John Daly had been selected for the US team to play in the Dunhill Cup at St Andrews next month prompted the thought that if Wadkins was unable to play next week, as he was in the Canadian Open last week, then Daly would be an ideal man to replace him. His length would be an real asset in the four-balls.

However, Wadkins has recovered from the muscle he strained beneath his left shoulder blade. "I'm raring to go," he said speaking from his Dallas home yesterday afternoon. "I'll be at The Belfry."

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FIRST ROUND LEADERS

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64: I Woosnam. 65: M-A Jimenez (Sp), M James. 66: P Baker. 67: C Montgomerie, H Clark, P Mitchell. 68: R Goosen (SA), F Nobilo (NZ), M Roe, P Way, P O'Malley (Aus).69: J Payne, R Rafferty, E Els (SA), J Van de Velde (Fr), D Feherty, S Torrance, N Faldo. 70: J Rivero (Sp), A Binaghi (It), R Chapman, C Rocca (It), P Broadhurst, F Couples (US). 71: A Lebouc (Fr), D Clarke, E Romero (Arg), J Rystrom (Swe), G Brand Jr, S Luna (Sp), J Townsend (US), J Parnevik (Swe), B Lane, J-M Olazabal (Sp).

72: G Turner (NZ), G Orr, J Berendt (Arg), S Ames (Trin), B Marchbank, P Fowler (Aus), D Smyth, M Farry (Fr), S Richardson, O Karlsson (Swe), J Spence.

73: A Sherborne, A Johnstone (Zim), A Oldcorn, V Singh (Fij), S Tinning (Den), D W Basson (SA), R Davis (Aus), I Palmer (SA).

74: M Lanner (Swe), D Gilford, T Levet (Fr). 75: J Cocares (Arg), P Price, G J Brand, G Evans, C Mason. 77: W Westner (SA), P-U Johansson (Swe), P Lawrie. 80: O Sellberg (Swe).

Triathletes annoyed by organiser's planning

BY SALLY JONES

TWENTY-five leading triathletes, 12 of them men, have signed a petition protesting at what they claim is unfair and sexist handicapping for the Bupa international triathlon at Bath on Sunday, in which men and women will be competing directly against one another.

The athletes are angry at the unusual format of the race, both because of the likely allocation of the prize fund and the way in which the women will, they claim, be used as "hares"; given an arbitrary start time ahead of the men and then "chased down", with only the first 20 finishers, regardless of sex, receiving prize-money.

The row has fuelled the debate over direct competition between men and women in sports so obviously reliant on speed and strength and several of the protesters, including Sarah Springman, a former British champion, have condemned the principle of a "men chase women" event as "politically and sociologically incorrect". However, the organiser, John Lillie, of the triathlon magazine, 220, claims that the event, which is due to be televised on Grandstand in two weeks, is entirely fair and designed to produce an exciting finish.

The protesters also take issue with the size of start, 13min 39sec, which the women will receive as they set off on the first leg of the event, the 1.5-kilometre river swim, which precedes the 40-kilometre cycle ride and ten-kilometre run. Many claim that it is far too narrow a gap to give even the top women, in this high-quality field that includes five triathletes in the world's top 25, the slightest chance of beating their male counterparts, let alone making one of the top five places, where 60 per cent of the prize-money is concentrated.

The winner last year, Alison Hamilton, is particularly concerned that the handicappers have overlooked the impact of the hilly cycle course which would tend to favour men.

"I just don't think the handicap is fair," she said. "Last year, I was around 16 minutes behind the men's winner, although he had a bike accident, and at the recent world championships the gap between the male and female winners was 17 minutes. Over the years, the gap at Bath has usually been between 16 and 22 minutes.

"The women are also going to lose out on television coverage, because most will probably be straggling in well down the field. With a more realistic gap, we could have seen a man and a woman battling it out down the finishing straight."

Lillie claims that this is precisely what he is trying to achieve. "It's rubbish to say that we're ignoring the women," he said. "Usually, their race is just a sideshow, with 80 per cent of the television coverage devoted to the men's event. The real problem is that, overall, the women's standard is not as high as the men's."

The women's committee of the British Triathlon Union disagrees and, although the event is officially recognised, it has demanded that the race organisers should reconsider their prize allocation system to produce a competition between the best athletes of the same gender.

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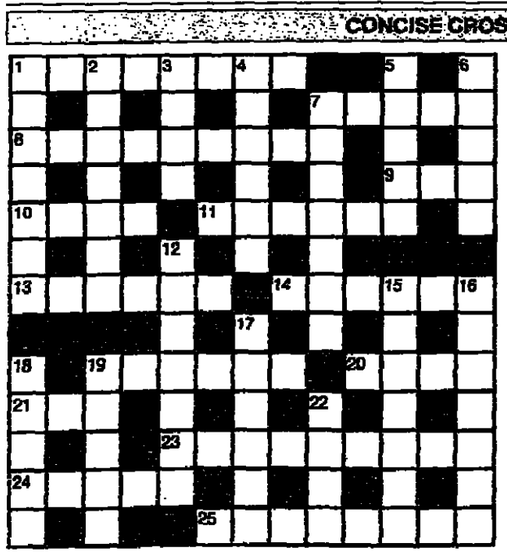

ACROSS
1 Earlier experiences (4,4)
7 Peas, beans seeds (5)
8 Harlequin's sweetheart (9)
9 Transgression (3)
10 Bubbling sound (4)
11 Put end to (6)
13 Assistant clergyman (6)
14 Ski areas (6)
19 Pearl River port (6)
20 Taj Mahal site (4)
21 Christmas tree (3)
23 Criterion (9)
24 Loud, disorderly (5)
25 One not present (3)

DOWN
1 Largest ocean (7)
2 Effervescent water (7)
3 Arm, leg (4)
4 Wince (6)
5 Rosy glow (5)
6 Denim trousers (5)
7 Boosting address (3,4)
12 Wait in readiness (5,2)
15 Elaborate parade (7)
16 Fetter (7)
17 Socialise informally (6)
18 Ablaze (5)
19 Five shilling coin (5)
22 Foot covering (4)

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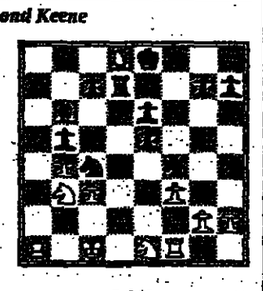

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By Philip Howard

WALLOW
a. Built of rushes
b. To wither and fade
c. A pig-stye

ZIZYPHUS
a. A peccant king
b. A spiky plant
c. A white witch

PALMEOUS
a. Made of palms
b. Bribing
c. Having big hands and feet

JESSE
a. A leather hawking strap
b. A genealogical table
c. A soft and unmanly male

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